

The Civil and Magistrate Courts contain the following four divisions:

- (1) Office of the Judge of the Civil and Magistrate Courts
- (2) Civil & Magistrate Courts Clerk's Office
- (3) Civil Court Sheriff's Office
- (4) Magistrate Warrants Office

The Civil and Magistrate Courts are two distinctive courts. The Civil Court is a court of record and the Magistrate Court is not. The Civil Court has a jurisdictional limit of \$25,000.00 and the Magistrate Court's jurisdiction is \$15,000.00. Jury trials are conducted in the Civil Court and only bench trials are handled in the Magistrate Court. Cases appealed from the Civil Court go to the Georgia Court of Appeals but cases appealed from the Magistrate Court can be sent up to the State Court or Superior Court of Bibb County. There are only two remaining Civil Courts within the State of Georgia - Bibb (Macon, GA) County and Richmond (Augusta, GA) County.

Judge William C. "Billy" Randall serves as both the Chief Judge of the Civil Court of Bibb County and Chief Magistrate of the Bibb Magistrate Court. Including Judge Randall, Bibb County has six full-time magistrates, two of whom are attorneys and also share the bench as Associate Judges of the Civil Court.

Judges are prohibited from having private (*ex parte*) communications, correspondence or discussions with persons involved (as parties or counsel) in matters pending before the court or which can reasonably be expected to be filed in the court, except when all parties or counsel are present. Parties and/or their counsel should not attempt to have private conversations with the Judge regarding a pending or potentially pending matter. Copies of all correspondence with the court should be sent to all other parties and/or their counsel.

The Office of the Chief Judge schedules and coordinates all civil calendars, i.e. monthly jury trials, weekly dispossessories, foreclosures, traverses, special motion hearings as well as all Magistrate court calendars which also include Good Behavior Warrant hearings. The courts are in session every day (**SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS**) for the following types of cases:

Mondays	10:00 a.m.	Dispossessories, foreclosures, traverses, special motion hearings and any Good Behavior Warrants
	2:00 p.m.	Magistrate Court Cases
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Magistrate Court Cases
	2:00 p.m.	Magistrate Court Cases
	9:30 a.m.	Every third Tuesday - Civil Court Jury Trials (No Magistrate Cases are heard during this week.)
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Magistrate Hearings for Bad Checks
	2:00 p.m.	Magistrate Court Cases
Thursdays	10:00 a.m.	Civil Court Bench Trials and/or Civil Court Jury Trial Calendar Call
	2:00 p.m.	Magistrate Pre-Warrant Hearings
Fridays	10:00 a.m.	Magistrate Pre-Warrant Hearings