

## CHIEF JUDGE MARY E. STALEY

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## **MEMO**

TO:

Frank R. Cox, Chief Magistrate - Magistrate Court

FROM:

Mary E. Staley, Chief Judge - Superior Court 745

DATE:

March 19, 2003

RE:

Pretrial Services

The Council of Superior Court Judges met yesterday and discussed the issue of supervision of Pretrial Services. We recognize that, except elected officials, every person in Cobb County government is subject to being supervised. The history of supervision of Pretrial Services indicates that in 1985 the judges of the Superior Court of Cobb County transferred supervision from Superior Court Administration to the Magistrate Court. This action was taken with consent of the Chief Magistrate and the director of Pretrial Services and this arrangement has lasted for eighteen years. The Supreme Court of the State of Georgia has authorized this supervisory structure as well. We affirm the action of the Council of Superior Court Judges in 1985. The Magistrate Court retains the authority to supervise Pretrial Services, its director and its employees.