HIERARCHY OF LAW IN GEORGIA

Executive Law

U.S. Constitution

Acts and Resolutions of Congress

Federal court decisions (1) interpreting U.S. Constitution, acts of Congress, treaties, executive actions, and rules of federal agencies; (2) resolving suits between states; and (3) ruling whether Georgia's constitution, statutes, rules, and other actions violate the U.S. Constitution or U.S. statutes.

Orders, writs, and rules of federal courts

Legislative Law

Georgia Constitution

General Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly

State court decisions (1) interpreting Georgia Constitution, acts of the General Assembly, and rules of state agencies and authorities, (2) resolving conflict between state law and local ordinances, rules of local agencies, and rules of local authorities and special districts.

Orders, writs, and rules of state courts, including rules and regulations of the State Bar of Georgia

Local Acts of the General Assembly

Local Law

City and County Ordinances and Resolutions

Local court decisions interpreting city and county ordinances (though decisions may be appealed to state courts for retrial)

Orders, writs, and rules of local courts, including rules and regulations of the State Bar of Georgia

Rules and regulations adopted by local school boards, authorities, and special districts

Rules and regulations adopted by city and county agencies

(Parliamentary rules adopted by each city council and county commission; non-binding resolutions)

( ) Indicates quasi-legal actions which do not have the general force and effect of law

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