

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NORTHEASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Whereas, the committee having read and agreed to the provisions outlined in this document as it relates to the investigation, prosecution, and victim services of cases of sexual assault.

Whereas, this agreement becomes effective December 20, 2021, replaces any previously adopted protocol, and remains in effect until a new agreement is dispatched.

Whereas, the parties retain the right of termination of any of the terms change and materially affect the intent of the agreement with prior notification to the Chief Judge in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit.

Whereas, this agreement does not constitute and promise of compensation, nor is it binding parties to any legal record.

Whereas, this committee agrees to reconvene annually to review and revise this document.

Whereas, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 15-24-2, the names contained herein represents the agencies participating in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit Sexual Assault Protocol Committee Judicial Circuit.

It is therefore agreed by the undersigned that this document shall be and is the **Sexual Assault Protocol for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit.**

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