



Supreme Court of Alabama

Montgomery, Alabama

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Honorable Rachel Laurie Riddle
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Dear Madam:

An examination was conducted on the Supreme Court of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024, by Examiners Bradley Perry, Reese Galloway and Jessica Williamson. I, Bradley Perry, served as Examiner-in-Charge on the engagement, and under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-19, I hereby swear to and submit this report to you on the results of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Perry

Bradley Perry
Examiner of Public Accounts

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EXAMINER'S SUMMARY

**Supreme Court of Alabama
October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024**

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

This report presents the results of an examination of the Supreme Court of Alabama (the “Court”) and a review of the Court’s compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama. This examination was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-12. The examination was performed to determine whether the public officers, agents, and employees of the Court properly and lawfully accounted for all money and other public assets, or resources received, disbursed, or in the custody of the Court.

This examination included procedures to determine whether the Court complied with the state laws and regulations that pertain to its financial transactions; personnel; safeguarding of state-owned assets, property, and resources; information dissemination, processing, and retention; and official actions, rulemaking procedures, and meetings. The Court’s internal control policies and procedures relating to the areas listed above were also reviewed; however, this examination did not encompass managerial and operational matters, such as whether the Court accomplished its mission or its regulatory, enforcement, investigative, or other oversight activities in an efficient, fair, timely, or legal manner.

The mission and purpose of the Court is described in the accompanying Agency Overview.

RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION

Nonconsumable personal property in the custody of the Court was compared with the property records maintained by the Property Inventory Control Division of the State Auditor’s Office as required by the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 36-16-9. Testing revealed no discrepancies.

Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on November 5, 2025. Individuals in attendance were Chief Justice Sarah Stewart; Associate Justices: Greg Shaw, Kelli Wise, Tommy Bryan, Will Sellers, Greg Cook and Chris McCool; Megan Rhodebeck, Court Clerk; Lauren Potts, Assistant Clerk; and Ann Marie Franklin, Chief Financial Officer; along with Wonzie Wooden and Jessica Williamson from the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.



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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Supreme Court of Alabama October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024

The Supreme Court of Alabama (the “Court”) operates under the provisions of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Title 12. By law, the Court is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices. As the highest state court, the Court has both judicial and administrative responsibilities.

The Court has authority to review decisions rendered by the other courts of the state. It also has authority to determine certain legal matters over which no other court has jurisdiction and to issue such orders necessary to carry out its general superintendence over the courts in Alabama. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all appeals where the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000 and appeals from the Alabama Public Service Commission.

The chief justice is the administrative head of the state's judicial system. The Court may make rules governing administration, practice, and procedure in all courts. Under this authority, rules of practice and procedure and judicial administration have been adopted to eliminate many of the technicalities which cause delay in the trial courts and needless reversals in the appellate courts.

The Court receives its primary funding through a combination of state appropriations and self-generated revenues. Key financial resources include the General Fund, the Supreme Court Fund, the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and the Supreme Court – Other Revenue Fund. Additional sources of income include the Docket Fund, the Administrative Fund, and the Advance Tech Fund, which is supported by Servis1st Bank.

Additional information on the Court can be found on their website at <https://judicial.alabama.gov/appellate/supremecourt>.

Other Information

Justices and Officials
October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024

Justices		Term Expires
Hon. Tom Parker	Chief Justice	2025
Hon. Sarah Stewart	Associate Justice	2031
Hon. Greg Shaw	Associate Justice	2027
Hon. Kelli Wise	Associate Justice	2029
Hon. Tommy Bryan	Associate Justice	2031
Hon. William B. Sellers	Associate Justice	2031
Hon. Brad Mendheim	Associate Justice	2027
Hon. Greg Cook	Associate Justice	2029
Hon. Mike Bolin	Associate Justice	2023
Hon. Jay Mitchell	Associate Justice	2025 (1)

Officials

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Julia Weller	Clerk of Court	2022
(1) Resigned		