

# COUNTIES & THE LAW

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## ***ANTE LITEM NOTICE***

### ***In the Interest of the Estate of Joe Leonard, Jr.***

Georgia Court of Appeals  
March 30, 2016; A15A1802

Following the *Coweta County* case, the Court of Appeals held that ante litem notice sent to outside legal counsel who represented the county but who did not have authorization to accept notice on the county's behalf failed to constitute substantial compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-11-1. Presentation of the notice to an in-house county attorney or any department or official of the county would generally have been sufficient.