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The Fulton County District Attorney's Office

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In honor of Colin Powell

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Meet the Elder Abuse & Animal Cruelty Unit

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VETERANS DAY


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

[Thursday, November 11, 2021 – is a Public Holiday](#)

Veterans Day, a federal holiday observed each year on November 11 regardless of which day of the week the holiday falls, honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The origins of Veterans Day came from the aftermath of World War I – known at the time as “The Great War, which officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, located about 12 miles west of Paris. However, fighting had actually stopped seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m. On May 13, 1938, Congress made the 11th of November each year a legal holiday – a day to be dedicated to world peace and celebrated as Armistice Day. However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the holiday to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Important Dates and Special Events

 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  LGBT HISTORY MONTH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	OCT	26	27	28	29	30
31  Halloween	2021			Adult Diversion Attorney Training	Major Crimes Division Meeting/Luncheon	4th Joan P. Garner Walk & Health Fair

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV	1	2	3	4	5	6
2021	New Class of Employees		Madam DA testifying at GA State Senate	Leadership Meeting		
7	8	9	10 	11 	12	13
		RICO Training John Floyd BOC	Legal Assistant Master Class Graduation	Veterans Day		
14	15	16	17 	18 Women in Government Day - GA Supreme Court	19 Sheriff Labat Swearing-In of FCDA Investigators	20
	New Class of Employees		FCDA Sweatshirts & Sweets		Investigator 10-week Course Begins	
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
				Thanksgiving Holiday	Thanksgiving Holiday	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DEC	29	30	1	2	3	4
2021			Wellness Wednesday Canvas & Cocoa		 Deck the Halls Office Holiday Contest	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Investigator 11-week Course 9am-12pm	FCDA Awards Ceremony – BOC Assembly Hall 	Community Recognition Event & Celebration 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18



11-Week Investigator Training

Objective

Prepare all FCDAO Investigators with the knowledge, skills, and understanding of pertinent forms, documents, processes, procedure and legal standards to accomplish the mission

Mission

Committed to the protection of life and property through excellence in the fields of prevention, enforcement, and apprehension.

Guided by the principles of integrity, professionalism, cooperation and concern for human dignity.

Week 2:

December 8th
Trial Preparation

9am - 12pm

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Week 3:

How to Find Someone

Week 4:

SECURUS

Week 5:

Flying While Armed

Week 6:

Jail Process

Week 7:

Evidence

Week 8:

Electronic Evidence

Week 9:

Technical Investigations

Week 10:

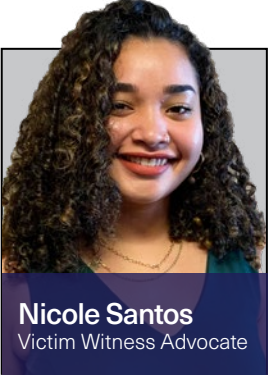
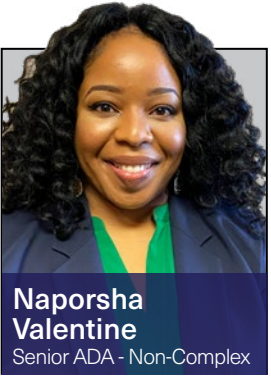
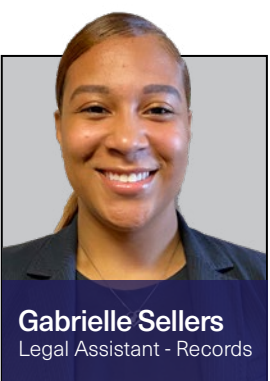
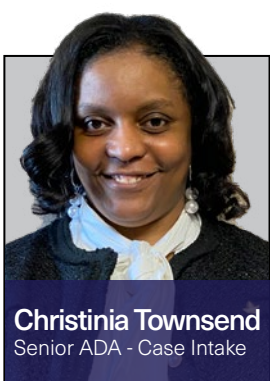
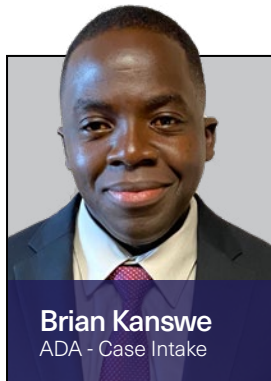
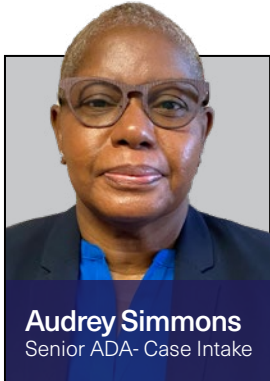
Firearms Training

Week 11:

Health and Wellness

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Welcome to our New Hires!



Swearing-In Ceremony

Monday, October 18, 2021, in Judge Ellerbe's Courtroom.



Congratulations

ON THE RECENT

OFFICE PROMOTIONS



Kenneth Hutcherson
Executive DA -
Case Intake



Lamar Rhodes
Deputy DA - Non-Complex
and Complex



Tom Wight
Chief Senior ADA -
Complex Division



Amjadi Pareesa
Chief Senior ADA -
Non-Complex



Deonte Pollard
Operations Manager -
Diversion



Helen Bastien
Chief Legal Assistant -
Major Case



Kyren McGary
Chief Legal Assistant -
Anti-Corruption

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3rd Annual Mayor's Pride Reception

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottom hosted her third and final Mayor's Pride Reception - an exciting evening of celebration and pride. Proceeds from this event went to the Mayor's Youth Scholarship Program, benefiting Atlanta youth seeking post-secondary education. During her speech, Mayor Bottoms announced that the Atlanta City Council had voted unanimously to make the Mayor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board a permanent part of the city.



Jeremy Murray, Coco Inman Starr, Jeremy Dailey, Matthew Sellers, and Kelcee Jones-Conner



Jeremy Dailey, Adam Rice - Vice President of Innovation & Partnerships at Families First, and Jeremy Murray



Coco Inman Starr



Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and guest speakers

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Student Leadership John's Creek Government Day

On Thursday, October 21, 2021, Fulton County Commissioner Liz Hausmann hosted the Student Leadership Johns Creek group of 56 amazing high school students for their Government Day. While on their tour of Fulton County Government, students stopped by the courtroom of Fulton County Superior Court Judge Rachelle Carnesale to listen to Madam DA Willis, Deputy ADA Lauren McAuley – Crimes Against Children, ADA Maria Hunter – Complex, Judge Carnesale, Corey Dunlap Program Administrator – Diversion Programs, Assistant Solicitor General Tarrance Miller, and Atlanta Judicial Circuit Public Defender Supervisor Marilyn Primovic.



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PADV (Partnership Against Domestic Violence) Candlelight Vigil

On Thursday, October 14, 2021, the Partnership Against Domestic Violence held its 10th (the zero looks weird) annual candlelight vigil to remember victims lost to domestic violence in 2020. The vigil symbolized a time of sadness, mourning, celebration and hope. Unfortunately, 100 names were read. During the vigil, we heard from a survivor of domestic violence. This young woman suffered at the hands of her abuser, but she found the strength to leave. She is now enrolled in college and wants to become a trust and estates lawyer. Also, we heard from Madam DA Fani T. Willis about her commitment to Partnership Against Domestic Violence, an organization that works passionately and tirelessly to end intimate partner violence and to empower survivors.



Staff of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in attendance at the PADV Candlelight Vigil



Victoria Crawford - DV Survivor & Keynote Speaker



Nancy Friauf - PADV President & CEO



Fani T. Willis, Fulton County District Attorney



Melissa Arthur - PADV Vice President of Prevention and Outreach

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Municipal Elected Officials Summit

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, the Fulton County District Attorney hosted the Municipal Elected Officials Summit, which was aimed at giving leaders in our communities a clear and realistic perspective of what is taking place within Fulton County's municipalities and across the country. The purpose included giving community leaders an understanding of the daunting job Madam DA and her team face in holding accountable those who victimize others. The Fulton County District Attorney's Office hopes that community leaders understand the FCDA's many challenges, and at the same time, motivate these leaders to commit to assisting with support and resources. As Madam DA says, "together we are stronger."



Staff of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in attendance at the Municipal Elected Officials Summit



Pat Dutcher, Deputy DA - Major Case, College Park Mayor Bianca Motley Broom, Fani T. Willis, Fulton County District Attorney



Michael Cuffee, Chief of Staff - Programs



Simone Hylton, Deputy DA - Domestic Violence



Juillianna Peterson, Chief Senior ADA - S.A.K.I.

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Municipal Elected Officials Summit



Fani T. Willis, Fulton County District Attorney & Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman



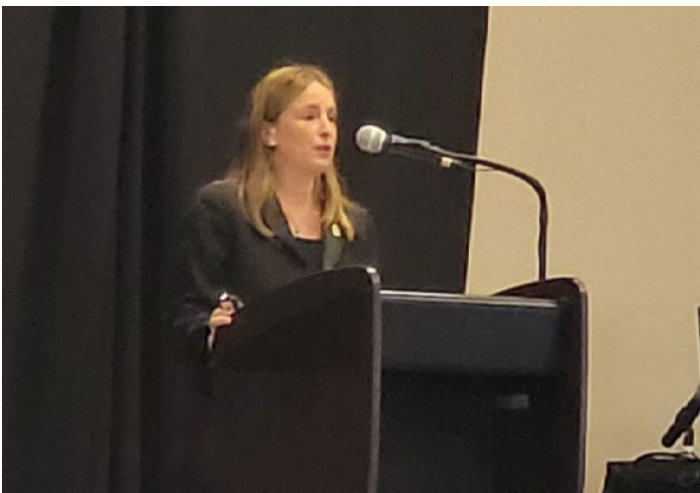
Mike Carlson, Executive DA - Major Crimes & Cara Convery, Deputy DA - Gangs



Atlanta Metro State College President Dr. Georj Lewis



Lauren McCauley, Deputy DA - Crimes Against Children



Jill Hollendar - Deputy DA - Elder & Animal Abuse Unit



Earnelle Winfrey, Chief Senior ADA - Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation Unit



OCT
30TH

10am-2pm

Please arrive by:
9:30 am

Forth
Annual

JOAN P. GARNER

WALK

Supported by the
Fulton County District Attorney's Office



Fani T. Willis
District Attorney

Where:

Rodney Cook Sr. Park
Joseph E. Boone Blvd. NW
in historic Vine City, Atlanta, GA

Sign up with Jeremy to attend this event
jeremy.murray@fultoncountyga.gov

Join Madam in the office's support of the Fulton County Commissioner of District 4,
Vice Chair Natalie Hall and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
4th Annual Joan P. Garner Walk & Health Fair



skip the line

VOTE EARLY

The early voting period for the
November 2, 2021
Municipal General/Special Election
began on
Tuesday, October 12th.



FULTON VOTES

Fulton County has 24 polling sites
available during this 18-day period.



October is...

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL WEB SERIES TODAY!



WEEK 4 | DV Prevention Education: Engaging Men and Boys
1pm-2pm
Thursday, Oct 28, 2021
REGISTER AT: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TG9b-g4nVRQGpNxqvNtmANQ



Men Stopping Violence
Working together for a change.



FULTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH &
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Madam DA's School of Integrity

Legal Assistant 10-week

Master

Training Class Program

Week 9

Lesson 8:
Accountability Court & Graphics

Date: November 3rd

Time: 2pm-4pm
Location: TBD

For the first time, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office is implementing a voluntary training program for legal assistants in this office. The program is covering everything legal assistants need to know to be more knowledgeable, successful and confident doing their job. While the program is voluntary, all paralegals have been encouraged to attend. The 10-week program began September 8 and occurs every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m.

Week 10

Graduation - November 10th
2pm-3:30pm
BOC Room
All are invited to celebrate!

RSVP your intentions to attend to:

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Quinasha.Pritchett@fultoncountyga.gov



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Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty Unit

The Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty Unit has been hard at work establishing relationships and beginning community outreach. A first for Fulton County, the Unit is staffed by three attorneys, an investigator, a victim advocate, and a paralegal. The Unit's mission is to educate, prevent, and prosecute crimes against some of our most vulnerable citizens – those older than 65 and the disabled, as well as animals. They prosecute cases involving caretakers and individuals acting under the Power of Attorney who victimize those they are trusted to protect; family members who victimize the elderly; and contractors who exploit the elderly. Animal Cruelty cases focus on Aggravated Animal Cruelty and Dogfighting, where the animal is the primary victim.

Over the past several months, the Unit has worked with Canine Cellmates: Beyond the Bars to begin a groundbreaking diversion program aimed at changing the lives of men and dogs alike. Building off the extremely successful program developed for use in custody, this first-of-its-kind program works with individuals on bond. The curriculum targets repeat offenders and accept men with substance abuse and psychological challenges. The program uses dogs to teach compassion, conflict resolution, patience, and responsibility. Participants also learn parenting and time-management skills.

On September 9, 2021, the Unit was present at the ribbon-cutting and was honored to speak about the important partnership this office and the program has to change lives. The inaugural class of men, handpicked from open cases within the Fulton County system, began their classes on September 20, 2021. Eight adult dogs and a puppy were rescued from Fulton County Animal Control and moved to the facility on Atlanta Road, where they are learning along with the participants. The dogs should be ready for adoption by the end of the year.

On September 3, 2021, the Unit hosted the first meeting between local law enforcement, animal control, and prosecuting agencies to discuss active cases, issues, and animals being held as evidence. This monthly meeting is designed to break down barriers between agencies, educate on the procedure, and foster a team to best hold those who harm animals accountable while keeping animals out of the shelters as much as possible.

On September 14, 2021, the Unit became a member of the North Georgia Elder Abuse Taskforce, which comprises federal and state law enforcement and agencies. The Taskforce meets monthly to share information and strategies aimed at fighting Elder Abuse. This is the first time the Fulton County District Attorney's office has been represented on the Taskforce.

On September 30, 2021, the Unit and the White Collar Unit met with local and federal law enforcement agencies at the Roswell Alpharetta Public Training Center to discuss Elder Abuse and to increase our outreach to partner law enforcement agencies. Spreading the message that it is a "New DAY" in Fulton, the Unit has been working to increase our accessibility to both the public and law enforcement to combat crime.

On October 7, 2021, the Unit attended and presented at the Boy Scouts of America Youth a Protection Seminar, discussing the importance of animals and the positive impact they have in our lives as well as how they can assist children in traumatic situations.

On October 13, 2021, the Unit had its first official outreach event. Hosted by the city of Fairburn, the Unit met with the elderly and discussed common scams in circulation; how to identify and protect themselves from scammers; and how to recognize signs of abuse in themselves and others. The Unit intends to strengthen community relations by producing literature and hosting similar outreach events in the future.

The Unit is working on literature that can be distributed in the community alerting the elderly and their families about risk factors and how to protect themselves. Major outreach events will become a large portion of the Unit's work going forward in the hopes that Elder Abuse in Fulton County can be curbed through PREVENTION as well as prosecution.



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Early Signs and Symptoms of

Alzheimer's



Memory loss that disrupts daily life



Challenges in planning or solving problems



Difficulty completing familiar tasks



Confusion with time or place



Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships



New problems with words in speaking or writing



Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps



Decreased or poor judgment



Withdrawal from work or social activities



Changes in mood and personality

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Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty Unit Staff



JILL HOLLANDER
Deputy District Attorney
- Elder Abuse & Animal
Cruelty Unit

Jill Hollander serves as the Deputy District Attorney over the Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty Unit. A graduate of Tufts University in Boston and Emory University School of Law, Jill has served in the Fulton County District Attorney's office since August 2002. She is the proud mom of 4½-year-old Ryan and granddaughter to Ruth Hollander, an indomitable woman who is a 100 years and one week older than Ryan. Growing up, Grandma Ruth had a huge impact on Jill, teaching her the value of family, ethics, the arts, and history. Watching her age and navigate the challenges associated with aging gave Jill a better understanding of the duty that we owe our elders and a drive to protect them as they once protected us. Grandma Ruth still lives independently in Florida and looks forward to her 105th birthday next March.

Jill's passion for animals dates back to birth. A true lover of all creatures, she spent the pandemic fostering dogs for the Atlanta Humane Society. Jill believes that animal cruelty spans a wide range of causes, and by addressing it, we may prevent crimes against humans as well as address issues within abusers.

We owe so much to those that give so much – no one gives us more than animals and elders.



BRAD MALKIN
Chief Senior Assistant
District Attorney

Brad grew up in Tenafly, New Jersey, and attended Binghamton University in New York. After college, he backpacked across Europe for five weeks and then went to Emory Law School. After Emory, he worked with the DeKalb County Solicitor General's Office and then the Douglas County District Attorney's Office. In January 1996, Brad joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office when Lewis R. Slaton was still district attorney, making Brad the longest continuous-serving attorney within the office.

When Brad started, there were no units. He was assigned to Judge Elizabeth Long's courtroom. He had many excellent trial partners over the years, including Henry Newkirk and Robert C.I. McBurney, and tried the whole range of cases. In July 2000, he became head of the White Collar Crime Unit, a position he held for 20 years. During that time, he was named a deputy district attorney. Brad and his team obtained about \$50 million in restitution for victims and prosecuted about 1,000 defendants, including attorneys, ministers, CEOs, accountants, bankers, the largest art dealer in Atlanta, office managers and other trusted employees, as well as everyday thieves, con artists and swindlers. A substantial number of these offenders received significant prison sentences.

So far this year, Brad has enjoyed being part of the Case Intake Unit, writing quality indictments and will miss this wonderful crew as he starts in the Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty Unit with an awesome new crew. He's looking forward to his new assignment of helping vulnerable victims and holding the predators responsible and accountable. His door is always open for discussing cases.



MATT HOLMES
Senior Assistant
District Attorney

Previously a member of the Domestic Violence Unit, Matt Holmes is excited to start the next chapter of his career by joining the new Animal Cruelty & Elder Abuse Unit. He has been with the in the Fulton County District Attorney's since the start of 2018. His time with this office is a part of his 10-plus years practicing in Georgia, where he has been a prosecutor and public defender, all in Fulton County. He is a proud alumnus of the University of Maryland and Howard University's School of Law.

Being a part of the Unit is special because it tackles two specific sets of crimes prevalent in the community. Elder abuse encompasses both financial and physical violence toward our most vulnerable citizens, and it is often overlooked. Matt is proud to have the opportunity to help seniors and hold accountable the abusers who seek to victimize those who have given the community so much. He also believes animal cruelty . . . serious, intentional, violent animal cruelty is an issue that has to be addressed by prosecuting offenders. "Once the standard is set, proper education and outreach can aid in making sure our loyal companions aren't mistreated and forgotten."



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Murder 101 PAC Class in Savannah, GA

Murder 101 took place October 20-22, 2021 in Savannah, GA.

Left to right Standing: Sr. Inv. Ronald Coloma, Sr. ADA Amanda Green, Sr. Inv Partrena Baker, Sr. ADA John Weitnauer, Sr. ADA Furhawn Shah, Sr. Inv Gerald Walsh, Sr. Inv Glenn Cross

Left to Right Sitting: Sr. ADA Asia Baysah, DDA Simone N. Hylton, Chief Sr. ADA Chinekwu Okam, Sr. ADA Danielle Russell

Not Pictured: Chief Sr. ADA Stephen Putnam



PAC

**Prosecuting
Attorneys'
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ATTENTION STATE EMPLOYEES:

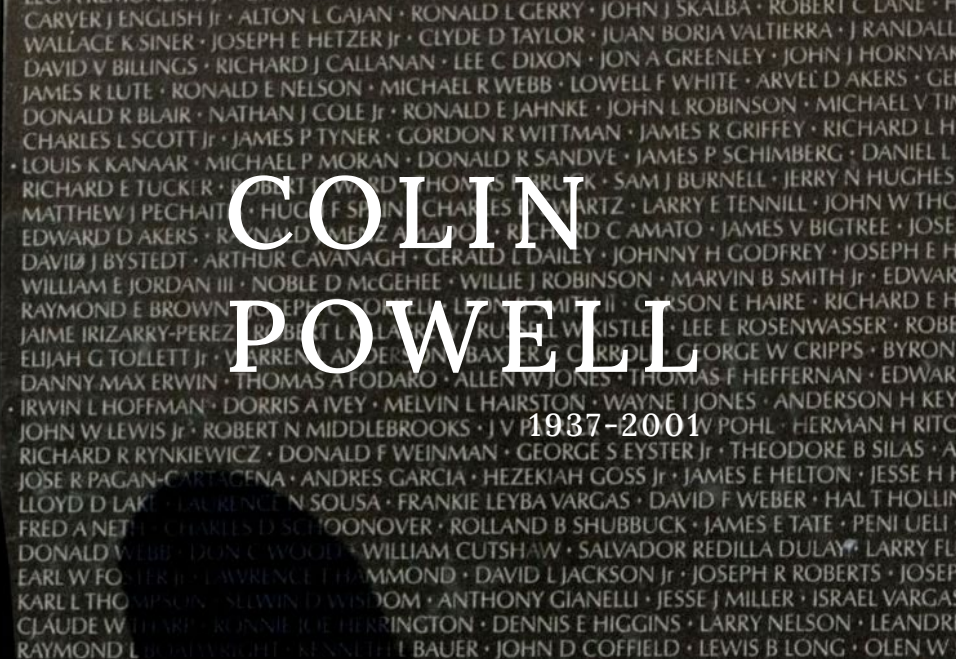
OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR PLAN YEAR 2022 BEGAN ON OCTOBER 18 AND

ENDS NOVEMBER 5!

Open enrollment is an opportunity for new state employees to enroll in health and flexible benefit coverage, and for current state employees to review their current Plan Options and to make changes to their coverage based on their needs.

For more information, visit: <https://pacga.org/about-pacga/departments/hr-payroll/2022-open-enrollment/>.

Questions? Contact PAC Human Resources at hr@pacga.org or 770-282-6300.



In Honor of Colin Powell

Colin Powell, who died at the age of 84 on October 18, had achieved many “firsts” during his unparalleled career: the first black National Security Adviser, the first black Secretary of State, and the first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also known as a trail-blazing statesman, he helped shape American foreign policy by serving in multiple presidential administrations and spending the better part of the last three decades breaking racial barriers. He was considered the first black contender for the U.S. presidency. Although he was fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Powell was immunocompromised and at greater risk from the virus because of his serious underlying health conditions including multiple myeloma, a cancer of plasma cells that suppresses the body’s immune response, as well as Parkinson’s Disease.

Powell was born on April 5, 1937, in Harlem, New York, to Jamaican immigrants Luther and Maud Powell. He studied geology at City College of New York and found his calling in the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). He soon became the commander of his unit, beginning one of the most storied and barrier-breaking military careers in American history. He later became Ronald Reagan’s national security adviser. In 1989, he became the first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appointed by George H.W. Bush to the highest military position in the Department of Defense.

Powell rose to prominence during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, developing what later became known as the "Powell Doctrine," an approach to military conflicts that advocates emphasizing national security, using overwhelming force to maximize success and minimize casualties, and ensuring support from the American public. In 2000, he became the first black Secretary of State, appointed by President George W. Bush. In 2003, Powell delivered a speech to the United Nations Security Council making the argument for invading Iraq in stating that the country had weapons of mass destruction. The evidence he presented was later proven to be false, and Powell spent years expressing regret over those remarks that led to the invasion of Iraq. After retiring from public office, Powell spent time as a mentor and advocate. In 2006, he pushed for more rights and better treatment for detainees at the Guantanamo detention facility. He broke with the Republican Party repeatedly over the past decade to speak up for racial justice and civic democracy.

President Georgia W. Bush called Powell “a favorite of presidents that he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom — twice. He was highly respected at home and abroad. And most important, Colin was a family man and a friend.”

President Barack Obama lauded Powell for helping a generation of young people set their sights higher. “He never denied the role that race played in his own life and our society more broadly. But he also refused to accept that race would limit his dreams, and through his steady and principled leadership, helped pave the way for so many who would follow.”

Powell is survived by his wife, Alma Vivian (Johnson) Powell, whom he married in 1962, as well as three children.

Staff & Stories

FCDA 2021 Halloween Costume Contest

FCDA staff members participated in an office-wide Halloween costume contest on Tuesday, October 26th. Our panel of judges got the chance to walk down the yellow brick road, meet Beetlejuice and his friends, meet some of Disney's most famous characters, handmaidens from the Handmaid's Tales, Joe Exotic and Carole Baskin, survive the annual Purge, visited a haunted house, and much more.



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The Fab Four Spotlight



Nicole Vaughn Customer Service Director

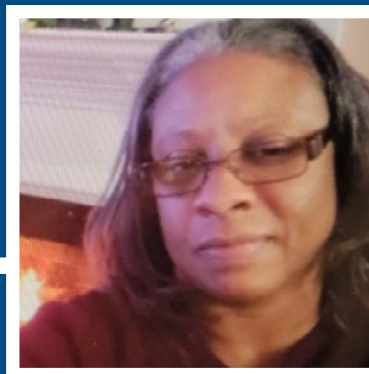
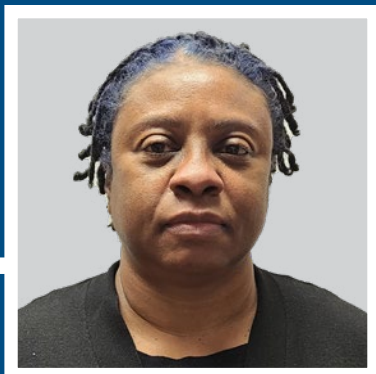
Do you know Nicole Vaughn, our Customer Service Director? Well, Nicole is a native of Burlington, North Carolina, where she finished school before moving to Atlanta 35 years ago. She has more than 20 years of experience managing customer service and helping the citizens of Fulton County. Nicole learned early about service and work ethic by growing up working in the family businesses.

Her dedication to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office began 18 years ago. She is a natural-born leader, with an unmatched level of integrity and professionalism. She has received several achievement awards for excellence in customer service.

Nicole enjoys spending time with her family and friends. As a Metro Atlanta resident, Nicole gives back to the Fulton County community by coaching youth sports and volunteers with a nonprofit organization. An animal lover, Nicole has two dogs, Rocky and Della. Nicole has always loved working in the yard and watching things grow. She grew cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans and peppers in her garden this year.

GO TARHEELS!!!!

The Fab Four Spotlight



Geanette Moorer

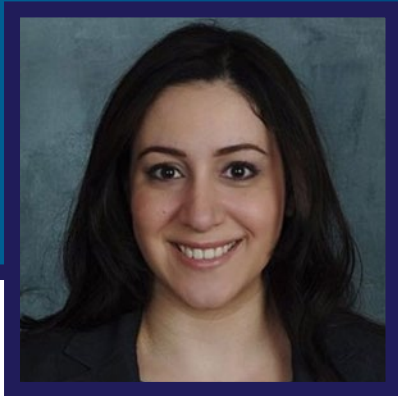
Chief Legal Assistant
Special Victims Division

Geanette Moorer is from The Bronx, New York. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from CUNY's (The City University of New York) School of Professional Studies in 2016 in Communications and Media. She recently received her Master's degree from CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Law and Procedure with an Advanced Certificate in Criminal Investigations. Her first position as a Legal Assistant was with the Office of the Bronx District Attorney. Geanette started with the District Attorney's Office in Fulton County with the previous administration as a part-time Complaint Room Legal Assistant.

She is now one of the Chief Legal Assistants for the Special Victims Division and the Chief Legal Assistant for the SB440 and the Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty units. Her prior public service work experience includes 8 years with the State of New York's Department of Corrections and Community Supervision as an Office Assistant. Geanette has two sons, one of whom is a new employee in Case Intake. The other is a high school senior.

Geanette loves the beach, she loves to build and draw (though she says that she is a novice). She is a novice mechanic who loves plants. She has 2 bearded dragons and a cat. For fun, she likes go-karting and frequenting the gun range. She intends to try her hand at coaching kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta. Her prior public service work experience was for 8 years with New York State's Department of Corrections and Community Supervision as an Office Assistant.

The Fab Four Spotlight



Pareesa Amjadi Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Non-Complex

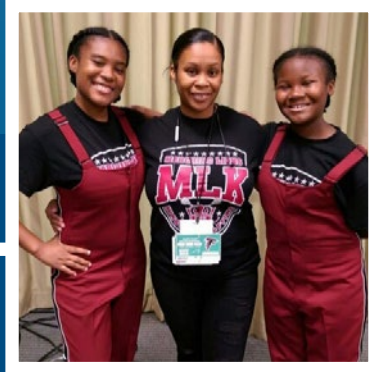
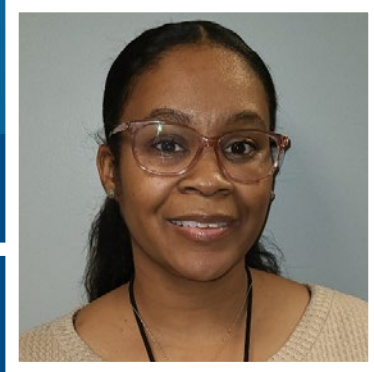
Pareesa Amjadi is from Southern California and grew up in the Los Angeles area. She went to college at UCLA, where she studied Political Science and European Studies, with a minor in Comparative Literature (she was actually 80 units over the “unit cap” thanks to an oversight by the registrar until they caught it; so basically she got in trouble for taking too many college courses). Pareesa moved to Atlanta to attend Emory University’s School of Law. Her first law school internship was with a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge whose docket was comprised entirely of criminal cases. Pareesa knew she wanted to be a prosecutor from her first day observing the courtroom of Judge Brandlin, a former prosecutor who encouraged her to pursue prosecution.

During her second law school summer, Pareesa was supposed to split time working at the DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office with Major Case Executive DA, Mike Carlson (who was then the head of the DeKalb Gang Unit), and working with the sex crimes unit in the DA’s office in Los Angeles. However, due to an administrative delay, she ended up working most of the summer at DeKalb. She also had the opportunity to work with Kenny Hutcherson in DeKalb’s HIDTA unit after law school when she was apprenticing in DeKalb County. It was around that time that she got a job offer from the Gwinnett County’s District Attorney’s Office.

She worked at Gwinnett for almost six years, and spent about 3.5 of those years in juvenile court, which was the best work experience for an introvert like her because it forced Pareesa to spend so much time in court that it became automatic. She also met her husband while working in juvenile court. Fun fact: before she and her husband met in person, the very first case she indicted for her courtroom was his first robbery investigation in CID. They also have the world’s cutest dog (his name is Paddington), and they are fostering another dog she hopes to adopt.

Her favorite pastime is reading a book that she can’t put down. She also binge-watches a lot of television shows, something she blames for the demise of many brain cells. She is kind of addicted to classic sitcoms; her favorites are The Mary Tyler Moore Show and Three’s Company.

The Fab Four Spotlight



Alicia Scurry

Legal Assistant
Non-Complex & Complex Unit

Originally from Long Island, New York, Alicia Scurry is a single mom to two great teen daughters, Jada and Zariah. She is studying Human Resources at Georgia Piedmont Technical College. In July 2019, Alicia started working in the criminal justice system with the State Court of DeKalb County as a clerk. In June, she started with the Fulton County District Attorney's office as a Legal Secretary (both complex and non-complex). She feels like she is part of a real and challenging team and that she is contributing to a great cause in fighting crime! This field is extremely important to her. Every day she positions herself to learn as much as possible.

In her spare time, Alicia stays busy with her daughters, who are involved with the Atlanta Falcons Drumline and Junior ROTC. They have two dogs, Ace and Bailey. Alicia is a die-hard New York Giants fan!! She is very laid back and loves a great movie and/or a good book to read. She loves cooking new foods. She has a real love for fast cars, especially a 1967 Chevy Camaro.

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High profile cases in a courtroom near you

Gangs

**Tiedrekis Glass,
Malik Stanley**

#21SC178179

Courtroom: Cox

11/1/2021

9:00am

Case Management/Status

Torrus Fleetwood

#18SC161858

Courtroom: Carnesale

11/2/2021

9:30am

Motion Hearing

Rayshawn Bennett

#21SC178179

Courtroom: Cox

11/9/2021

10:00am

Bond Hearing

Anti-Corruption

Adonis Lovejoy

#21SC178942

Courtroom: Adams

10/28/2021

1:00pm

Bond & Arraignment

Crimes Against Children

Teanna Glass

#19SC166075

Courtroom: Carnesale

10/28/2021

9:30am

Motions

Ethan Gathright

#20SC176857

Courtroom: Edwards

11/4/2021

9:00am

Status

Robert Vandell

#21SC179190

Courtroom: Ellerbe

11/5/2021

1:00pm

Arraignment

Sex Crimes

Johnny Strozier

#21SC178795

Courtroom: Whitaker

11/3/2021

9:30am

Case Management/Rape

Domestic Violence

Shakeyla Greenridge

#18SC160702

Courtroom: Edwards

11/1/2021

9:00am

Status Hearing

Kingston Bozeman & Austin Saunders

#19SC168492

Courtroom: Dunaway

11/4/2021

9:30am

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10/29/2021 &

11/4/2021

9:30am

Trial

Varquis Williams

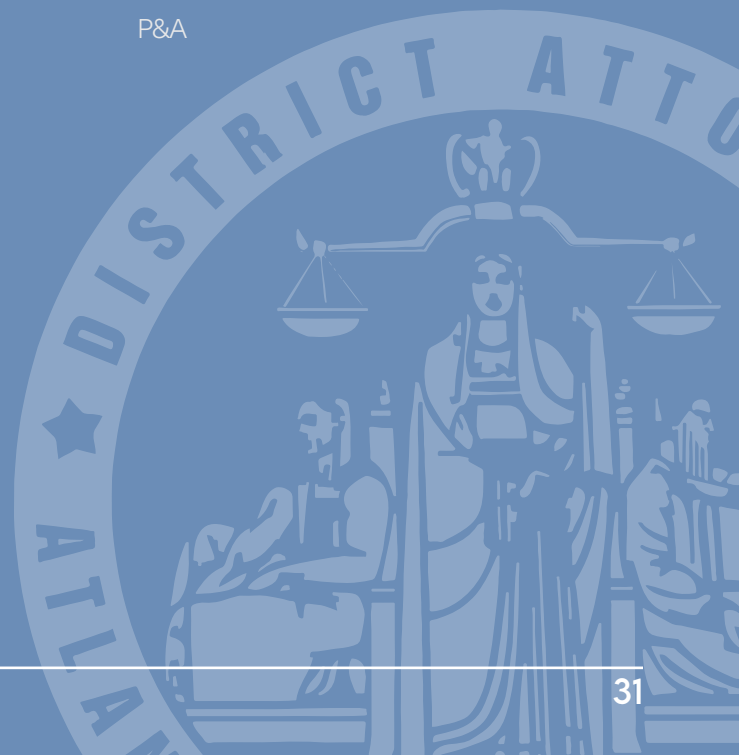
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