

DA DISPATCH

FANI T. WILLIS, District Attorney



Xernona Clayton with U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (center) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (far right) in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1966. Photograph: courtesy of Xernona Clayton

Atlanta's Giant: Xernona Clayton



"At 91 years young, Xernona Clayton Brady continues to fight for equality and equity, saying 'I have seen progress through the years, but there is always more work to be done.' Xernona is inspiring to me because she breaks barriers and has laid a blueprint for all of us to follow. She was the first African-American in the South to host a prime-time television talk show. She's worked closely with the likes of Congressman John Lewis, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Ted Turner, and even convinced a Klan member to resign and renounce the Klan. Xernona is a valiant woman who will continue to inspire women across the world for many generations to come."

– Madam DA Fani T. Willis

"We could all sit around and occupy space without doing anything. I don't want to just occupy space. I want to fill that space with something good. I want to fill my space with something that will make a difference in somebody's life." – Xernona Clayton Brady

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Celebrate WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Did you know that Women's History Month went from one day, to one week, to one month? Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation.¹

Women's History Month was initially just International Women's Day, which commemorated the February 28th meeting of socialists and suffragists in Manhattan in 1909.² On March 19, 1911, the first International Women's Day was celebrated in Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark,³ though the holiday wasn't widely celebrated in the United States until the United Nations began sponsoring it in 1975.⁴

In 1977, in order to persuade school principals to comply with the recently passed Title IX, a task force in California created Women's History Week.⁵ They used that week to celebrate the accomplishments of women. In March 1980, after momentous celebrations began spreading across the United States, President Jimmy Carter declared that March 8 was officially the start of National Women's History Week.⁶ That same year, Utah Senator Orrin Hatch and Maryland Representative Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution declaring the week of March 8, 1981, National Women's History Week.⁷ By 1987,

Congress declared the entire month of March Women's History Month.⁸ Since then, every president has declared the month of March Women's History Month.

So, why do we celebrate Women's History Month? It's a reminder of the accomplishments of women to our culture and society. From science to politics, it's a chance to reflect on the trailblazing women who have led the way for change. This year's theme, Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope, is a tribute to caregivers and frontline workers who have worked tirelessly during the Covid-19 pandemic for the greater good in both public and private life.⁹ So on March 8, wear the official color of International Women's Day, purple, to show solidarity.

¹ <https://www.aps.edu/news/news-from-2021-2022/aps-honors-its-own-during-womens-history-month>

² <https://www.6sqft.com/womens-history-month-began-in-new-york-in-1909-to-honor-the-citys-garment-workers-strike/>

³ <https://www.chicagohistory.org/international-womens-day/>

⁴ <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/international-womens-day>

⁵ <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month>

⁶ <https://www.aps.edu/news/news-from-2021-2022/aps-honors-its-own-during-womens-history-month>

⁷ <https://www.senate.gov/general/Features/WomensHistoryMonth2015.htm>

⁸ <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/about/>

⁹ <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2022-theme/>

Important Dates and Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAR 2022	28	1 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	2	3 Attorney Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	4	5
6	7 Diversion Participants Orientation	8 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	9 Investigator Training NEW! VWAP Training BOC Assembly Hall	10 Attorney Training Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	11 Fulton County PayDay	12
13	14	15 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	16 VWAP Training FulCo Lab	17 Attorney Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	18	19
20	21	22 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	23 Investigator Training VWAP Training BOC Assembly Hall	24 Diversion Participants Orientation Attorney Training Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	25 Fulton County PayDay	26
27	28	29 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	30 Investigator Training	31 Attorney Training Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	1	2

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APR 2022					1	2
3	4	5 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	6 Investigator Training VWAP Training FulCo Lab	7 Attorney Training Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	8 International Women's Day Fulton County PayDay	9
10	11	12 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	13 Attorney Training VWAP Training FulCo Lab Chat & Chew	14 Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	15 March Madness Starts Chat & Chew	16
17	18	19 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	20 Attorney Training VWAP Training FulCo Lab	21 Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	22 LAW DAY! Family Feud Competition Fulton County PayDay	23
24	25 Monday Matinee Movie Day!!	26 Wellness - Trinidad Toby	27 Investigator Training VWAP Training FulCo Lab	28 Legal Asst. Training Wellness - Trinidad Toby	29	30

CONTINUING 10-WEEK COURSE (through April 2022)

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INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

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WEEK 6:

Jail Call Process

MARCH 9, 2022

Week 7:

Evidence /
Electronic
Evidence

March 23rd

Week 8:

Technical
Investigations

March 30th

Week 9:

Firearms
Training

April 6th

Week 10:

Health and
Wellness

April 27th

CONTINUING 11-WEEK COURSE (through April 2022)

Contact

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WEEK 4:

Defendants' Rights

March 3, 2022

MARCH CLASSES

Week 5 | 3/10 *Pre-Indictment Matters*

Week 6 | 3/17 *Indictments and Charging Discretion*

Week 7 | 3/24 *Arraignments, Pleas, and Sentencing*

Week 8 | 3/31 *Discovery—Both Statutory and Constitutional*

Week 9 | 4/7 *Jury Selection Issues*

NEW! 11-WEEK COURSE (through May 2022)

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VWAP TRAINING

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WEEK 1:

Case Intake Process and
Case Disposition

March 9, 2022

BOC Assembly Room

MARCH CLASSES

Week 2 | 3/16/2022 | FulCo Lab
Organizational Skills and Case Management

Week 3 | 3/23/2022 | BOC Assembly Hall
Restitution/Victim's Compensation Overview

Welcome **New Hires**



DAVID HOLMES
Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney
Major Case Unit -
Major Crimes Division



ADAM NEY
Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney
Anti-Corruption Division



DAVID ROBERSON
Senior Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



ERICA TURNER
Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



JANA DIXON
Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake Division



WILEY MURPHY
Senior Investigator
Case Intake Division



KENDALL TUCKER
Senior Investigator
Trial Division



LLOYD OWENS
Senior Investigator
Crimes Against Children Unit -
Special Victims Division



**ENENWAN
AKPAN-IQUOT**
Legal Assistant
Case Intake Division



PATRICE STEWART
Legal Assistant
Special Vicitms Division



BRADLEY CRAWFORD
Legal Assistant
Major Case Unit -
Major Crimes Division

We extend a warm welcome and lots of great wishes for becoming part of our growing family. Your remarkable skills and talents will be a great addition to our office.

Employee of the First Quarter

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHANIE!!!!!!!

Stephanie only joined our office back in September and has been an absolutely rock star from Day 1. She is such a heavy hitter in White Collar, and she also is the sole investigator for Civil Forfeiture and Appeals. I am so proud to call you a friend and colleague and we are BEYOND LUCKY to have you as part of the White Collar Crime Unit family!!!!

YOU ARE AMAZING!!!!!!! - Will Wooten



Swearing-In of New Hires

Tuesday, February 23, 2022





REMINDER FROM CHANDRIKA DERRICHO

Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director

Because the work that we do can be extremely stressful, I wanted to share information about the Fulton County Employee Assistance Program. It is free and provides confidential counseling with as many as 8 free sessions. Please see information below.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Regardless of the medical plan option you choose — or even if you don't choose Fulton County's medical plan coverage — you and eligible family members have access to the EAP program administered by BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia. EAP provides free, confidential, short-term assistance and counseling designed to help individuals resolve a variety of personal concerns. There are no costs, fees or copays for EAP, which provides:

- Toll-free telephone consultation, coaching and crisis stabilization with a licensed mental-health professional.
- As many as 8 free face-to-face counseling visits, available at convenient locations, to address personal and/or work-related problems including, but not limited to: stress, depression, anxiety, health and wellness.
- Legal services, which include a 30-minute consultation with an attorney (phone-based or face-to-face) at no charge, as well as a 25% discount off normal attorney fees if additional services are required.
- Financial services, which include a 30-minute consultation with a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Financial Planner (phone-based or face-to-face) at no charge, as well as a 25% discount off normal attorney's fees if additional services are required. Customized resources, referrals and information for childcare and parenting, senior and dependent adult care, education selection and preparation, health and wellness and customer education.
- Access to the Anthem BlueCross BlueShield website offering self-assessments and a library of valuable articles on mental health, stress management, work/life balance, relationships, substance abuse, emotional well-being, and legal and financial resources. EAP services can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (800) 999-7222 or visiting www.AnthemEAP.com (password: Fulton).



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Upstairs at Fitness Center

MARCH (ENTIRE MONTH)

APRIL (ENTIRE MONTH)

Every Tuesday and Thursday

First Class:*

7:45 am - 8:45 am

Second Class:*

8:45 am - 9:45 am

Third Class:*

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

*Must Show Up on Time

SHINING *stars*



LORAN CRABTREE

Asst. Chief Investigator - Technology

Good Afternoon Chief,

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the technical intelligence assistance the SVD Unit received from Assistant Chief Crabtree and Investigator Gerald Walsh.

I stepped into assist the Sexual Assault Unit with locating a victim who had not been seen in months needed for a high profile case and upcoming trial. My investigation revealed that she was in danger and a number I found for her was in the possession of an unknown subject. The Tech team immediately assisted us with obtaining immediate records which supplied us with numerous locations and time stamps for us to conduct surveillance and assess further circumstances. We also were able to share this data with the DeKalb County Narcotics and Homicide Divisions which assisted them with their on-going investigations. After two weeks with long hours, we were able to locate the victim safely and provide her with necessary resources.

Johnna Griffin
Deputy Chief of Investigations
Special Victims Division



GERALD WALSH

Senior Investigator - Technology



VANESSA CONDRY

Constituent Services Coordinator

Madam DA Willis,

I was at your front desk today and Ms. Vanessa Condry assisted me. She was very polite and went the extra mile to make sure she was giving me correct information.

Good Employee!

Signed defense attorney

SHINING *stars*



AMANDA GREEN

Assistant District Attorney - Trial Division | Complex Unit

Amanda Green just finished a two day sentencing hearing with a fantastic power point presentation. Amanda not only got five gang convictions but she also managed to get long sentences on all the defendants. This is a first in Juvenile Court and a huge victory over repeated dangerous criminal behavior. Her continued monitoring of the defendants' social media visually proved to the Court that these juveniles were unrepentant and still a danger to the community.

Congratulations for your hard work,

Brett Pinion
Deputy D.A. Juvenile Court



ASIA BASIA

Assistant District Attorney



ADA Donita Morris



Inv. Shae Corso



Inv. Glenn Cross



Nicole Santos



Jasmine Knight



Tywanna Settles-Isby



Geanette Moore



Shaun Pritchett

I would like to say Congratulations to Sr. ADA Asia Baysah, ADA Donita Morris, Inv. Shae Corso, Inv. Glenn Cross, Victim Advocate Nicole Santos, Legal Assistant/Jail Call Guru- Jasmine Knight, Legal Assistant Tywana Settles-Isby, Chief Legal Assistant Geanette Moore and Deputy Legal Assistant, Shaun Pritchett on the successful verdict in State v. Malik Grant.

This was a very disheartening DV Homicide and Asia and the team was able to bring this family justice!

This was Asia's first homicide case and I must say the team executed this case with precision! I feel like a proud Mama!

Simone N. Hylton
Deputy District Attorney - Domestic Violence Unit

Congratulations

ON THE RECENT
OFFICE PROMOTION



KIRSTEN WILLIAMS

has been promoted to serve as our new
Pre-Indictment Diversion / Record Restriction Liason.

She will begin transferring duties on March 21 and begin serving in this new role on March 30.

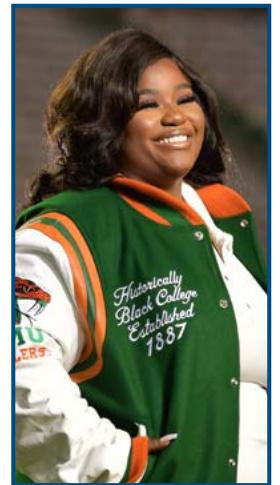
DA DISPATCH welcomes Jayla Herring to the team!



A self-described country girl from the “big city” of Hawthorne, Florida (population about 1,600, including livestock and pets), Jayla Herring joins the DA Dispatch and Media Team as Deputy Communications Manager. Although she works primarily from home, she looks forward to making connections during spontaneous visits to the office.

Her journey to the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office started last Fall as an intern, a position that allowed her to hone her investigative skills and to become a better student journalist. The internship taught her how to seek the truth, bolstering the demands of a career that requires her to write about the truth and to share it with the community.

She recently graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism. During the Fall semester of 2020, she served as lead producer for FAMU’s student-led newscast: FAMU TV News 20. Outside of school, she independently produced two documentaries that explored the culture of HBCUs.



When she puts down her pen and taps into herself, she enjoys pretending to be a ‘Master Chef’ contestant creating recipes, traveling to new places and making TikToks with friends.

Fun Facts:

1 She knows how to make bird noises. Ask her about her Nighttime Owl or Morning American Robin impressions.

2 She and her best friend plan to travel to 25 countries together before their 25th birthdays. So far, they traveled together to 9 countries!

3 She has earned state and national level recognition in the National Restaurant Association’s Culinary Competition.

Xernona Clayton Brady

Atlanta's Giant



of her television program, Mrs. Brady had a Grand Dragon of the Klu Klux Klan as a guest, and she was able to get him to denounce the Klan and refrain from using hate speech.

In the 1970's, Mrs. Brady expanded her impact on the broadcast industry. She began working with Turner Broadcasting Systems (TBS) producing documentaries and hosting a public affairs show. Mrs. Brady eventually earned an executive position and became a liaison between the network and Black community organizations. Mrs. Brady has received national honors for broadcast, leadership and civil rights. She paid the recognition forward with The Trumpet Awards, which celebrates Black excellence and achievement. This year is the 30th anniversary of what is now known as the **Bounce Trumpet Awards**.

Standing at 4' 11, Xernona Clayton Brady (nee Brewster) is a giant in Atlanta, where she has been a force in the civil-rights movement and broadcasting industry since the 1960's. She worked closely with Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., helping to organize fundraising for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Her civic duties did not stop there; she coordinated activities for the Doctor's Committee for the Implementation, a project aimed at desegregating Atlanta's hospitals. After making noise in Atlanta, Mrs. Brady went to Washington D.C. to meet with then-President Lyndon B. Johnson to discuss desegregating all U.S. hospitals. In 1965, Johnson signed the Medicare Act of 1965, officially desegregating the nation's hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Mrs. Brady continued her advocacy by being a voice for Black people in a new way. In 1967, The Xernona Clayton Show aired on WAGA-TV, making Mrs. Brady the first Black person in the Southeast to have her own television program. In the debut year



Leadership Meeting

Fulton County Library

Thursday, February 27, 2022, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office held the first leadership meeting of 2022 to discuss the year's goals as well as collaborate on team-building. To quote Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."



Leadership Meeting

Fulton County Library

Thursday, February 27, 2022



A true leader
doesn't create
separation.

A true leader
brings people
together.



Case Intake Hits First...

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CASES INDICTED!

We are on our way 🎉

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Trivia Winners



WEEK 1

Jill Hollander



WEEK 2

Christina Robinson



WEEK 3

Kirsten Williams



WEEK 4

Pat Dutcher



INTERNATIONAL Women's DAY

MARCH 8, 2022

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 every year. In the U.S., the first National Women's Day was celebrated on February 28, 1909, to honor a garment workers' strike the year before when women protested poor working conditions, low wages and sexual harassment. This date was later changed after a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York killed 146 young female workers, most of whom were immigrants. Women historically have been relegated to traditional roles as mothers and homemakers. Today, they fill key roles in society, taking up jobs and leadership positions. International Women's Day is observed by the United Nations, which sets a theme each year. The 2022 theme is "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow." The U.N. will recognize "the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation and response, to build a more sustainable future for all." Multiple organizations have similar rallying cries for this year: "Break the Bias" and "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope."

Despite the discoveries, bravery, dedication and talents exhibited by women, they continue to endure second-class status and civil- and human-rights violations. International Women's Day remains relevant today because the world is not gender-equal yet even though women make up about half of the world's population.

Although not a holiday in most countries, International Women's Day is observed differently in different parts of the world. Some businesses celebrate by giving female employees half a day off, while others give flower bouquets.



Adult Diversion Training

February 22, 2022



Urban League

On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office was invited to speak at the Urban League of Greater Atlanta's black history event to honor the countless contributions of African-Americans and the legacies and achievements of this country's leaders. Staff members talked about Fulton County's first African-American female district attorney, Fani Willis, and discussed the office's role in the community, education, and the law. Staff members also acknowledged the importance of and gave thanks to those who risked their lives and fought relentlessly to bring about change, paving the way for today's opportunities. January Towles (Community Resource Specialist), Saquez King (Legal Assistant), Bryant Brinson (Dependency and Diversion Coordinator), Yolanda Shorthouse (Chief Legal Assistant of the Juvenile Division) and Donald Moore (Chief Legal Assistant for Capers Green) were in attendance. Activities included a black history essay-writing contest, a black history quiz with gift card awards, and a Morehouse Sigmas step performance.



FCDA March BASKETBALL Madness BRACKET CHALLENGE

Is your Bracket ready? Join the FCDA March Madness Bracket Challenge. The winning Unit/ Division holds the bragging rights in the office.

Each unit or division selects 5 employees (starting 5) to represent their team. Each employee gets points for predicting results correctly. Select from 64 teams playing 32 games, with participants picking the winners all the way to the end.

SCORING SYSTEM

- First Round = 1 point
- Second Round = 2 Points
- Third Round = 3 Points
- Fourth Round = 4 Points
- Fifth Round = 6 Points
- Sixth Round = 10 Points

COUNT UP POINTS EVERY ROUND

Round-by-round updates will be provided to see who is winning as it progresses.

So draft your starting 5 employees and name your team! The more creative the better! At the end, we announce the winner of bragging rights and trophy they will love to display.

In order to receive your bracket, submit your team names with your starting 5 employees to Jeremy Murray by March 7, 2022. Brackets are due on the March 14, 2022.

Notable Events in U.S. Women's History

July 19-20, 1848: In the first women's rights convention organized by women, the Seneca Falls Convention is held in New York, where there are 300 attendees, including organizers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. Sixty-eight women and 32 men (including abolitionist Frederick Douglass) sign the Declaration of Sentiments, which sparked decades of activism, eventually leading to the passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/womens-rights/seneca-falls-convention>

May 29, 1851: A former slave turned abolitionist and women's rights activist, Sojourner Truth delivers her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio. "And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man—when I could get it—and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?" Source: <https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2021/04/sojourner-truths-most-famous-speech/>

Contemporaneous reports of Truth's speech did not include this slogan, and quoted Truth in standard English. In later years, this slogan was further distorted to "Ain't I a Woman?" reflecting the false belief that as a formerly enslaved woman, Truth would have had a Southern accent. Truth was, in fact, a New Yorker. Source: sojournertruthmemorial.org

December 10, 1869: The legislature of the territory of Wyoming passes America's first woman suffrage law, granting women the right to vote and hold office. In 1890, Wyoming is the 44th state admitted to the Union and becomes the first state to allow women the right to vote.

Source: <https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/topics/womens-suffrage-and-womens-rights>

May 15, 1869: Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton found the National Woman Suffrage Association, which coordinated the national suffrage movement. In 1890, the group teamed with the American Woman Suffrage Association to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Source: <http://www.crusadeforthevote.org/nwsa-organize>

August 18, 1920: Ratification of the 19th Amendment is completed, declaring "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." It is nicknamed "The Susan B. Anthony Amendment" in honor of her work on behalf of women's suffrage.

Source: https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/People/Women/Nineteenth_Amendment_Vertical_Timeline.html

December 1, 1955: Black seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, helping launch the civil rights movement.

Source: <https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/it-was-on-this-day-that-rosa-parks-made-history-by-riding-a-bus>

July 2, 1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act into law; Title VII bans employment discrimination based on race, religion, national origin or sex. Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-act>

Notable Events in U.S. Women's History

January 22, 1973: In its landmark 7-2 *Roe v. Wade* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court declares that the Constitution protects a woman's legal right to an abortion. *Source: <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1971/70-18>*

July 7, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. She retires in 2006, after serving for 24 years. *Source: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/oconnor-nominated-to-supreme-court>*

March 12, 1993: Nominated by President Bill Clinton, Janet Reno is sworn in as the first female attorney general of the United States. *Source: <https://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/this-day-in-politics-088703>*

January 23, 1997: Also nominated by Clinton, Madeleine Albright is sworn in as the nation's first female secretary of state. *Source: <https://www.politico.com/story/2008/01/albright-becomes-secretary-of-state-jan-23-1997-008047>*

September 13, 1994: Clinton signs the Violence Against Women Act as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, providing funding for programs that help victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking and other gender-related violence.
Source: <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2012/09/17/18th-anniversary-violence-against-women-act>

January 4, 2007: U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) becomes the first female speaker of the House. In 2019, she reclaims the title, becoming the first lawmaker to hold the office two times in more than 50 years.
Source: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/nancy-pelosi-named-speaker-of-the-house-2004>

July 26, 2016: Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman to receive a presidential nomination from a major political party. During her speech at the Democratic National Convention, she says, "Standing here as my mother's daughter, and my daughter's mother, I'm so happy this day has come."
Source: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/hillary-clinton-accepts-democratic-nomination-first-woman-major-party>

January 20, 2021: Kamala Harris is sworn in as the first woman and first woman of color vice president of the United States. "While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," Harris said after getting elected in November. The daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, Harris served as California's first Black female attorney general and won election to the U.S. Senate in 2016. She made her own unsuccessful presidential bid before being selected by former Vice President Joe Biden as his running mate.
Source: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/kamala-harris-sworn-in-first-female-vice-president>



Kenneth Hutcherson

Executive Deputy District Attorney - Case Intake Division

A career prosecutor with more than 20 years of experience, Kenneth Hutcherson has been involved in several high-profile cases. This is Kenneth's second stint in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. He previously was assigned to the Crimes Against Women and Children Unit, where he handled hundreds of rapes and child-molestation cases. Kenneth also spent time in the DeKalb County District Attorney's office as Deputy Chief litigating hundreds of major drug and civil forfeiture cases in the Drug and Forfeiture Unit.

Before rejoining Fulton County, Kenneth worked at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, where he taught police officers, state troopers, fire investigators and prosecutors in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, ethics, courtroom demeanor and testimony. Kenneth is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the Mississippi College School of Law.

In his spare time, he coaches middle-school basketball and has a record of 84 wins and 9 losses in the past five years. A few fun facts about Kenneth: he sold Tupperware as a teenager; he coaches both basketball and football; and he has won every dunk contest that he has entered.





De Andre Royals

Assistant District Attorney - Grand Jury

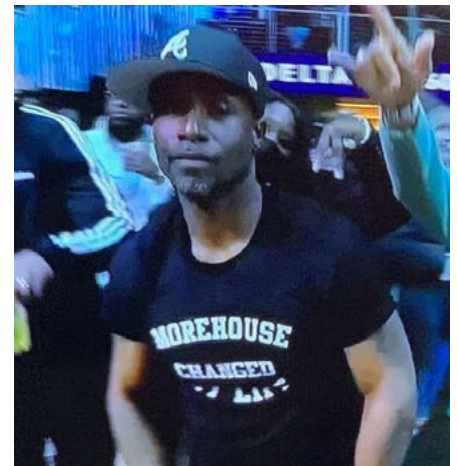
Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, De Andre K. Royals graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory school in Orchard Lake, Michigan, and earned a full athletic scholarship to attend Morehouse College. After graduating in 1997, De Andre became a probation officer with the Department of Corrections in Fulton County, where he had previously interned for a year.

After spending two years as a pre-trial release officer, De Andre was tapped to be a part of a two-person team commissioned by Federal Judge Marvin Shoob as a part of his supervision of the Fulton County Jail and management of Superior Court cases. For 15 years, De Andre served as part of this team, which would become known as the Judicial Expeditor Unit.

During this time, De Andre decided to pursue his dream of becoming an attorney. In 2012, he enrolled in the John Marshall Law School's part-time program, and became a member of the greatest fraternity of all-time: Omega Psi Phi. In 2016, he graduated with his Juris Doctor. Two years later, he joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as an attorney in the trial unit. In 2019, De Andre was promoted to supervisor of the Grand Jury Unit. De Andre has a heart for service as demonstrated by his 24 years of service with Fulton County.

Besides being devoted to a legal career, De Andre was honored in 2018 for rescuing legal assistant Whitney Meyers during an elevator attack. He was recognized as a hero (and even given his own day, lol) by the Board of Commissioners and the governor.

De Andre is very committed to health. In his spare time, he loves coaching youth football, traveling, hiking, running (he has run in 24 states and three countries), cycling, any/all trivia, and anything adventurous, including snorkeling, bungee jumping, skydiving, and ziplining.





Quintin Lewis

Assistant District Attorney - Case Intake Division

Originally from Florence, South Carolina, Quintin J. Lewis graduated from the University of South Carolina, which he asserts is the REAL USC! According to Quintin, USC existed before California was a State! Quinton majored in Criminal Justice and minored in African-American Studies at USC, where he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He subsequently graduated from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School before joining the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in November 2018.

Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Quintin served as a State Court Public Defender in Henry and Clayton counties. Quintin also served as a Guardian Ad Litem and a Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Fulton County.

The only thing Quintin enjoys more than legal work is music. If you ever walk down a hallway and hear music from an office, it's likely his record player. Quintin is also a professional wedding/event singer. Quintin also has a passion for community service. He is a co-founder of a nonprofit called United Men of America. He often does community service events with a variety of other organizations.

For the most part, Quintin is friendly . . . unless he hasn't eaten yet. So if you see him around, say "hello!"





Roncheros Fortune

Assistant District Attorney - Case Intake Division

Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Roncheros D. Fortune received a host of degrees from Alabama schools: a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Troy University; a Master of Business Administration from the University of Montevallo (Alabama); and a Juris Doctor and Masters of Laws from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University.

Once he passed the Alabama Bar, Roncheros moved to Atlanta four months later to take the Georgia Bar. He has practiced law for six years, four years as a public defender and two as a prosecutor. He is an adjunct professor at Morris Brown College, where he teaches intro to law and intro to criminology. He has a small nonprofit named the Goode Fortune Group. Roncheros joined Case Intake in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in November 2021.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He loves sports and doing anything outdoors. He's an avid motorcycle enthusiast (Black Panther and Blue Flame), kayaker, hiker, and beachgoer.

He has three trips out of the country planned in the next three months. An interesting fact is that his son just won Class of 2022 best dressed, 19 years after Roncheros won Class of 2003 best dressed. Roncheros strongly believes that the South Carolina women's basketball team will win the Women's NCAA Tournament this year.



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