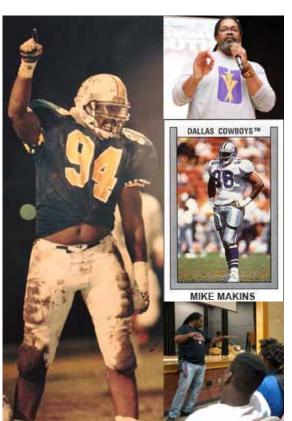




Meet a man who wears many hats!



Michael Makins is a highly creative award-winning Graphic Designer and Creative Director with 30 years of experience. His exceptional leadership, collaborative and interpersonal skills make him a dynamic team player.

Before joining the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Mike has gone from destroying offenses on the football field to creating engaging graphics for AT&T stores nationwide. Today he is leading the Graphics Team at the Fulton County DA's Office.

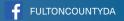
Mike holds a degree in Computer Graphics from the Art Institute of Atlanta and a BFA in Graphic Design from The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he was also initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. In 2016 he was inducted into UTC's Sports Hall of Fame and holds the distinct honor of being the school's first Two-Time Football All-American. He would later go on to a brief stint with the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Jets.

Mike is a native of College Park and is also an ordained minister who works with Atlanta's urban athletes. He and his wife of 33 years host Summer Football Camps with The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also finds the time to teach life skill development sessions for coaches and athletes as a way to engage and empower the next generation.

Mike Makins









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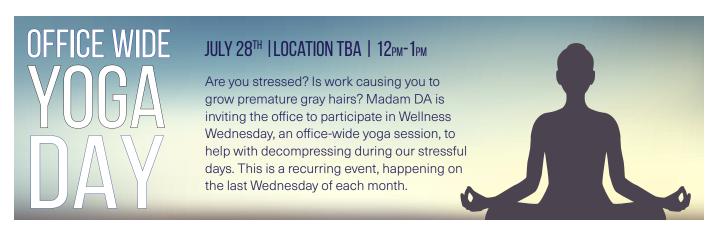
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Important Dates and Special Events

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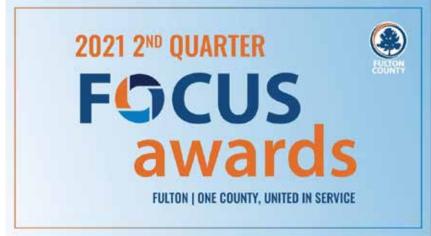
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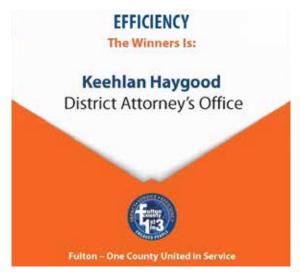


The F.O.C.U.S. Award program recognizes employees of Fulton County Government for their exemplary service. The county honors those employees who demonstrate excellence and work ethic above and beyond the "call of duty" with a quarterly F.O.C.U.S. Award.

Our very own Keehlan Haygood was selected out of dozens of nominees as the recipient of the 2nd Quarter F.O.C.U.S. Award in the category of Efficiency.

CONGRATULATIONS Keehlan! We are so proud of you!







Awards

Regional Investigator of the Year

On July 15, 2021, FCDA Gang Investigator Marissa Viverito was awarded Regional Investigator of the Year at the Georgia Gang Investigators Association annual summer conference in Savannah, GA.







CONGRATULATIONS

MARISSA!

We are so proud of you!

FCDA College Interns



AALIYAH BOOKER

Criminal Justice | Penn State University | Special Victims Division

Aaliyah Booker is originally from Florida but now resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from American Heritage Plantation Campus with a 4.0 GPA and is a rising sophomore at Penn State University majoring in Criminal Justice with a plan to minor in Forensics. She is very active on her campus. She was recently awarded the President's Freshmen Award 2021 and the Campus Honors Award. She is on the women's basketball team, a member of the Black Student Union, Club Activities Team, and Criminal Justice Club. She is also a mentor for incoming freshmen and an ambassador for athletics and academics. Aaliyah is currently interning with the Special Victims Division and is eager to learn as much as she can. She enjoys baking, working out, and volunteering within her community. In high school, Aaliyah served her community with over 1000 service hours and will do anything she can to help those around her.



APRIL CHAPPELL

Criminal Justice | Valdosta State University | Investigations Division

April Chappell is a senior, Criminal Justice major attending Valdosta State University on track to graduate this coming December. She enjoys journal writing, community service, and spending quality time with her fur daughter, Paris. April has been very active on her campus since her freshman year. Not only is she a part of organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the NAACP she is also a leader who has held various leadership positions. April has also been a successful coach as well as a student ambassador for the past 2 years. After college, she plans to work in any aspect of serving her country and the community.



ANALLA REID

Criminal Justice | GA State School of Law | Conviction Integrity

Analla Reid is a rising senior at the University of Georgia studying Criminal Justice with a minor in sociology. She is from Atlanta and grew up in Fulton County. She is interning in the Conviction Integrity Unit. She volunteers heavily in the Athens community, such as the Committee Chair of Blood Services at the University of Georgia Red Cross Club and being a shift leader for Campus Kitchen dedicated to delivering food to the elderly each week. She enjoys backpacking and camping. She hopes to go hiking in every state in the United States.

FCDA College Interns



JACOB ROBERTSON

Information Technology | Tulane University | Information Technology Unit

Jacob Robertson is an Information Technology Intern and a recent graduate of Tulane University. He was a member of their football team and was a part of the first team in school history to win back-to-back bowl games. He grew up in the College Park/East Point area in Atlanta. He enjoys video games, action sports, and anything that involves being outside. An interesting fact about him is that he plans to do a road trip to ride dirt bikes at all the best trails around the country.



SAHAUNA RAMESH

Political Science & Psychology | University of Georgia | Special Victims Division

Sahauna Ramesh is a rising 3rd-year undergraduate student at the University of Georgia where she is currently majoring in Political Science and Psychology with a focus on Pre-Law. At school, she is involved in UGA Young Democrats, University Judiciary, and is the Co-Founder of the Athens Reproductive Justice Collective. In her free time, Sahauna loves to run or go on hikes, especially if she gets to bring my dog, Obi, along with her! She also avidly binge-watches any and every sitcom, her favorites being Seinfeld and New Girl.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

Case Intake Evening Outing at the Painted Pin

In celebration of their hard work in completing 1,000 cases, our Case Intake team had an evening out at the Painted Pin on July 8, 2021. A much-deserved celebration for all of their hard work. Well done, Case Intake!









Junior DA (6th & 7th Grade) Official Pinning Ceremony

On Monday, July 12, 2021, Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Wills rolled out the red carpet to welcome her administration's first class of Junior District Attorneys (grades 6th & 7th) for the Summer Youth Program. Under the direction of the newly created Programs Division, the Junior DAs will be exposed to a law-related educational series that will give them valuable insight into the Fulton County Criminal Justice System and other related agencies. In addition, our Junior DAs will also visit great Atlanta entertainment attractions like the World of Coca-Cola and the Civil Rights Museum.









Junior DA (6th & 7th Grade) Georgia Capital Tour & APD Horse Stables

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, the Fulton County District Attorney's Summer Youth Program visited and toured the Georgia State Capitol as the guest of State Representative Mary Robichaux of District 48. They also had the privilege to meet and speak with State Representative Mandisha Thomas of District 65. At the Capitol, students learned about state history and visited the office of Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. After lunch at the Fulton County Government Center, students celebrated one of their own Junior DA's birthdays with cupcakes before departing to visit the Atlanta Police Department Mounted Horse Patrol Unit. Many thanks to our FCDA staff/volunteers who supervised and guided our Junior DAs.











Jr. DA (6th & 7th Grade) with Criminal Justice Professionals

On Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Junior District Attorney's in the Summer Youth Program had an in-depth course on social skills and etiquette presented by the Chief of Staff for Programs Michael L. Cuffee and the Programs Division. Junior DAs also had the opportunity to meet and hear from the following Criminal Justice Professionals:









Jr. DA (6th & 7th Grade) Meet & Greet with Sheriff Labat

On Thursday, July 15, 2021, Junior DAs had the opportunity to meet and talk with Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat and members of his Command Team, K9, and SWAT Unit. During the visit, Sheriff Labat answered many questions from the youth about his official duties, his staff's responsibilities, and the jail. Junior DAs also had the opportunity to meet the canine officer, and they also had the chance to see some of the equipment that the SWAT Team uses in the course of a call where they have to render tactical assistance. Madam DA Fani T. Willis and the Programs Unit would like to thank Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat and his team for being so gracious and hosting our youth at their facility.











Jr. DA (6th & 7th Grade) World of Coke Tour & Civil Rights Museum Tour

On Friday, July 16, 2021, Junior District Attorneys in the Summer Youth Program (6th/7th Graders) had the opportunity to visit the World of Coca-Cola and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. This day completed week one of the summer youth program, where the youth had the opportunity to meet and ask questions of Fulton County's top criminal justice partners. The following week, we welcomed our next class of Junior District Attorneys (8th/9th Graders) into the Summer Youth Program. Madam District Attorney Fani T. Willis and the Programs Unit would like to thank Chief Assistant District Attorney for Grants and Government Affairs Natalie Zellner and Grants Manager Michele Henry for helping to make his program funding possible.











Junior DA (8th & 9th Grade) Official Pinning Ceremony

On Monday, July 19, 2021, Executive District Attorney of the Major Crimes Division Mike Carlson and Madam DA Fani T. Willis welcomed our 8th & 9th Grade Junior District Attorneys with a swearing-in and pinning ceremony to officially kick-off their program.









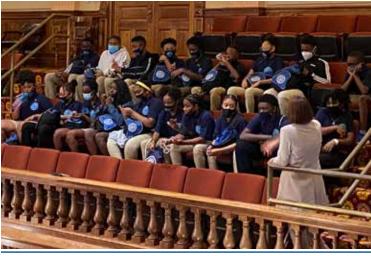
Junior DA (8th & 9th Grade) Georgia Capital Tour & APD Horse Stables

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, the Fulton County District Attorney's Summer Youth Program visited and received a guided tour of the Georgia State Capitol as the guests of State Representative William K. Boddie, Jr., of District 62 and State Representative Angelika Kausche of District 50. During their visit, our Junior DAs were able to learn more about the State Capitol and had the opportunity to ask questions of the State Representatives regarding their duties at the Capitol and their chosen career profession. After lunch at the Fulton County Government Center, our Jr. DAs departed to visit the Atlanta Police Department's Mounted Horse Patrol Unit. There, our youth learned first-hand about the APD Mounted Patrol Unit, how the horses are cared for, and the types of horses that are used for patrol.











Jr. DA (8th & 9th Grade) with Criminal Justice Professionals

On Wednesday, July 21, 2021, Junior District Attorney's in our Summer Youth Program had an in-depth course on social skills and etiquette presented by the Chief of Staff for Programs Michael L. Cuffee and the Programs Division. Junior DAs also had the opportunity to meet and hear from Fulton County Superior Court Judge Jane C. Barwick and Fulton County Superior Court Judge Ural D. Glanville.









T-Shirts & Treats Celebration

On Wednesday, July 14th, we had our T-Shirts & Treats day of indulgence. Madam DA treated the entire office to something sweet in the lobby of each unit and with an extra special treat on the 3rd floor: ICE CREAM! This was an opportunity to take a break from our often hectic schedules, rock our FCDA t-shirts, and enjoy some sweet treats with our co-workers.

"Ice cream brings people together." — Doug Ducey









T-Shirts & Treats Celebration









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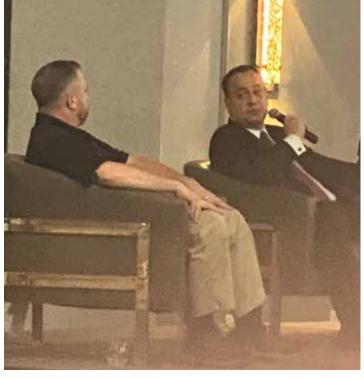




2021 Annual Summer GGIA Training Conference

Attorneys, investigators, and administrative staff from the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney attended the Georgia Gang Investigators Associations (GGIA) Summer Conference and gang investigator certification training in Savannah during the week of July 12, 2021. GGIA confirmed this was by far the largest number of staff from any district attorney's office in the state and the most to ever attend from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. The conference offered training from gang experts from Georgia and around the country. Executive District Attorney Mike Carlson lectured on the opening day of the program, introduced the members of our office who were in attendance, and also presented a quote from Madam DA Willis' inauguration speech that inspired the entire crowd. Our office was well-received by those in attendance, all of whom saw that it continues to be a "New DAy" in Fulton County!







2021 Annual Summer GGIA Training Conference: Human Trafficking & Criminal Street Gang Activity Training



The Human Trafficking and Internet Child Exploitation Unit attended the 2021 GGIA Annual Summer Training Conference in Savannah, Georgia. While the conference officially began on Tuesday, July 13th, there was a specialized training on Monday, July 12th, that focused on the cross-section of human trafficking and criminal street gang activity. This was an all-day training that explored how gangs are engaging in the commercial sex culture by exploiting the vulnerable and using them for financial gain. The class ended with an examination that the participants took. Investigator Raeisha Oliphant and Chief Senior ADA Earnelle Winfrey completed the class and passed the examination. They both received certificates in the area of Human Trafficking and Gangs. Also pictured is Jill Hartsfield who was in attendance at the gang conference.

At end of the week-long conference, they had the privilege of hearing from a victim of sex trafficking who now formed an organization that assists victims of human trafficking to remove gang-related tattoos from their bodies without charge.

Partnership with Mayor's office on LGBTQ Resources

On July 15, 2021, Jeremy Dailey met online with Malik Brown, Director of LGBTQ Affairs for the City of Atlanta, and other justice partners including LGBTQ Liaison from APD regarding the formation of an LGBTQ resource guide that can be utilized from the point of an incident through prosecution. We're still in the process of working through what that would look like and the scope of involvement from outside programs. We discussed an all-encompassing guide that would assist LGBTQ victims not only with services related to the incident but also with other various needs such as health and wellness programs for trans victims, HIV testing and preventative treatment, etc.





Faye Rosenbaum

Deputy Assistant District Attorney
Case Intake

Faye Rosenbaum graduated from Emory Law School and began her career as an attorney working at a family law firm. It was not fulfilling to her, so she started with the Gwinnett County Solicitors Office, and was there for 18 months. Faye then moved to Birmingham, Alabama, and worked at the DA's office for 13 years. Once coming back to the Metro Atlanta area, she returned to Gwinnett County for 2 years. In 2005, Faye began her journey at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. She started in the Complaint Room, and then went on to Non-Complex. She worked the first round of Non-Complex cases when the unit first started in 2006. She then moved on to the Crimes Against Children Unit, and then in 2008, she was loaned out to Major Crimes while the Tex McIver murder trial was going on. Faye is currently the Deputy DA of Case Intake under Madam DA's leadership.

Faye is originally from Kansas City, Missouri. She was there both times the Chiefs won the Super Bowl (she says please don't do the math (smile!) She is an avid Alabama football fan (Roll Tide!) She has 2 cats. During COVID, she got into cooking (she lives on baked chicken) and lost 50 pounds by walking in her neighborhood 3-5 miles a day and hiking. She says that her Fitbit helped as well because she was serious about getting her 10,000 steps in each day.

Some fun facts about Faye: She loves to make fires (not an arsonist) bonfires, fireplaces, fire pits, etc. She is fascinated by fires and fireworks. She was a Girl Scout leader for 6 years. She is active in her synagogue. She is also active in 3 book clubs. For 20 years now, she has faithfully played Mah-Jongg every Tuesday night and is now getting into trivia contests around town.





Adriane Love

Deputy Assistant District Attorney Cold and Capital Case

Adriane Love grew up on a farm in Soperton, Georgia. She went to Morris Brown College for undergrad gaining a degree in Math and also received a degree from Georgia Tech in Civil Engineering. She got into law by happenstance, literally by looking on a bookshelf in the Engineering section and seeing an LSAT study guide sitting on the shelf. Upon opening it, she noticed a lot of word problems, and her interest in the legal field began. She figured if she could use her math skills and be able to talk to people at the same time (she loves to talk,) then this was for her.

As a second career and at the age of 30 she got into Law School at Georgetown in Washington, DC. A fun fact while she was there is that she played the character of Matron "Mama" Morton in Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society's production of "Chicago." While studying for the Bar, she waited tables at Dugan's on Ponce De Leon Ave. Once passing the Bar, her first job was as an Assistant Public Defender with the City of Atlanta Traffic Court. She then became a law clerk in Swainsboro, Georgia, and then on to being an Assistant District Attorney in Swainsboro (Middle Judicial Circuit.) She came back to Atlanta in 2011 and started working for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office in the Crimes against Women and Children Unit. She then went to Major Case and then the Gang Unit. Adriane ran for District Attorney in Soperton, Georgia, in 2020. She is now a Deputy, heading the Cold and Capital Case Unit in the Major Crimes Division.

A few years ago, Adriane discovered that she really loves to cruise and that she also loves to snorkel (even though she does not know how to swim and breathe at the same time.) She loves to binge-watch action/adventurous type shows and movies. She has 4 siblings. Her youngest brother played in the movie "Black Panther" as one of the Jabari warriors. Her other brother stole her thunder the year she was accepted to Georgetown in 2001 by getting drafted by the Patriots. They won their first Super Bowl that season. Adriane is very interested in adopting a child in the near future.





Paul Barnhill

Assistant District Attorney Complex Trial Division

Paul Barnhill was allegedly born in the late '80s in San Diego, CA, to Naw parents, though his close friends (and even some family) swear that he was switched at birth with the secret son of James May and an unknown Québécois member of the RCMP. Before realizing that he lived in what is possibly the best weather city in the United States, Paul and his family relocated to the Mid-Atlantic where he split time between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., finally moving to the metro Atlanta area shortly before high school. After completing a math and science magnet high school curriculum with the original intent to become an engineer, Paul then decided to change direction and enrolled in the University of Georgia, studying History and the Russian language. Sadly, most of his language skills have waned over time. Once he finished undergrad, Paul went back to the northeast and attended law school at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, earning a J.D., with a concentration in taxation. He then returned to the Metro Atlanta area, where he passed the Bar exam and got hired by the Cobb County Police Department ten days after getting sworn into the GA Bar. After working several positions from uniform patrol, being a part-time academy instructor, and eventually working his way up to being a detective with the robbery/homicide unit, Paul decided to put his law degree and bar membership to use and join the Fulton County DA's office in April of 2019. After a brief stint in the Complaint Room, Paul worked as an indictment writer for the Major Case Division until the new administration came into office. Currently, he works in the Complex Unit of the Trial Division in Judge Whitaker's courtroom.

When he's not at work, Paul lives in Decatur with his fiancée Liz and their puggle Trixie, who is the source of many guilt trips. An avid Montreal Canadians fan, Paul regularly plays in different low-level ice hockey leagues, primarily as a defenseman (at least that's his excuse for leading his current team in penalty minutes without having scored any goals). In the fourth period after one of his games, Paul was invited to play music with an opposing winger, and after many arguments over who had to do it, he ended up in the lead guitar role of the band. While Covid derailed their plans of taking over the Atlanta music scene, the group is practicing again with rumors they may eventually have a real show within a couple of years. Paul himself prefers watching other, much more talented bands, especially at Variety Playhouse in Little Five Points. Traveling used to be a large part of his life, and Paul's most recent trip abroad saw him go solo to several countries in southern Africa, part of which was the trip to the top of Victoria Falls in Zambia, pictured here. While there aren't any plans set in stone at the moment, he hopes to get back to traveling and seeing concerts soon. Until then, you can find him ranting about public transit, complaining about Tampa being over the NHL Salary Cap, and wondering if the Baltimore Orioles will ever start winning again.





Ilona Robeck

Deputy Victim Witness Advocate Major Crimes

Ilona Robeck started her career as a Victim advocate by working the domestic violence and sexual assault hotline in Austin, Texas. She then moved to Hawaii where she worked in the Prosecutor's office as a Victim Advocate. She moved to Atlanta almost 6 years ago and immediately started with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as a Victim Advocate. She then moved on to be the Assistant Director of the Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP.) She is currently the Deputy Victim Witness Advocate in Major Crimes.

Ilona went to the University of Havana in Cuba, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Library and Information Science. She then went on to earn another degree in Behavioral Science from Concordia University in Austin, Texas. She received her Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology from Capella University. She is now a Ph.D. candidate in Forensic Psychology at Northcentral University.

Ilona is multilingual. She has lived in four countries (Belize (where she is from), Guatemala, Cuba, and the United States of America). She has visited over 35 countries. When asked what were her favorites, she said Tanzania because she got to hike a quarter mile of Mount Kilimanjaro and she was able to meet the Maasai people. She said that her favorite place so far though is St. Maarten because they speak so many languages there. She loves versatile people. A few fun facts about her are that she use to be a professional librarian and that she has worked for the United Nations (WHO) as a consultant for the health documentation center. In her spare time, she loves to hang out with her son Elon, cycle, hike, or just enjoy nature. She feels like she is a Citizen of the World.

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Fulton County DA wants more funding for massive backlog of court cases



Fulton DA: More than 1,400 inmates could potentially be released on bond; Funds needed to clear backlog of cases



District attorney says rise in violent crime increases backlog in cases



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'They will take what's most precious:' Fulton DA, Sheriff ask for funding in speech against violence



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Fulton County District Attorney asks for more funding to combat crime, gangs, and case backlog



Fulton DA, sheriff say it's more money or criminals could walk



In a courtroom near you

Crimes Against Children

Kirstie Flood, Meyers & Karyn Flood

#21SC178251 Courtroom: Richardson 7/26/2021

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Domestic Violence

Kedrick Butler #20SC176850 Courtroom: Ellerbe 7/23/21

Motion: Immunity

Capital Case & Cold Case

Samuel Cornelius Ott, Ira Troy Williams, Terry Andre Jones, Carlous Demar Bailey Courtroom: Leftridge

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Sedarius Dennis

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