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Full Force Fulton: Together We Are Stronger

We can achieve much more together when we open the lines of communication among agencies and share information about what we do and how we can help one another.



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Important Dates and Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AUG 2021	23	24	25 Wellness Wednesday	26	27	28
	2021 GCIC Training Symposium Savannah, Georgia					
29	30	31	SEPT 2021	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Holiday Rosh Hashana (Start)	7	8 Rosh Hashana (End)	9	10	11 Atlanta's John Marshall Law School's 2021 Public Interest Law Day
12	13	14	15 Yom Kippur (Start) Executive Team Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21 Chat & Chew SVD, Major Crimes, Anti- Corruption	22 Start of Fall (Autumn Equinox) Chat & Chew Trial Division	23 Chat & Chew Programs & Operations	24	25
26	27	28	29 Wellness Wednesday	30 World Maritime Day		


FCDA Employee Wellness Wednesday



HAPPY LABOR DAY



Labor Day originated during one of American labor history's darkest chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution, the average American worked 12-hour days, seven-day weeks to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 worked in mills, factories and mines, earning a fraction of what adults earned. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced unsafe working conditions, such as insufficient access to fresh air, and lack of sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increased, labor unions grew more prominent and vocal. They organized strikes and rallies to protest poor working conditions and to compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history. Some of these events turned violent: the Haymarket Riot in 1886 led to the deaths of several Chicago police officers and workers; the Pullman strike in 1894 crippled railway traffic nationwide, prompting the federal government to dispatch troops to Chicago that unleashed a wave of riots that killed dozens of workers. During this time, some states passed their own laws creating a Labor Day holiday. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed legislation making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.



Awards

Leadership Awards

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Top Row, left to right: Michael L. Cuffee, Chief Programs Director; William McCombs, Justice Liaison

Middle Row, left to right: Whitney Meyer, Deputy Legal Assistant of Trial Division; Brett Pinion, Deputy of Juvenile Unit; Felicia Dickens, Chief Legal Assistant: Major Crimes, Anti-Corruption, Civil Forfeiture, Cold/Capital Case and White Collar; Lora Andrews, Deputy Legal Assistant for Major Crimes.

Bottom Row, left to right: Raymond Baez-Nieves, Assistant Chief Investigator Anti-Corruption Division; Rewa Collier, Deputy of Accountability Court; Mike Carlson, Executive District Attorney Major Crimes



Awards

Employee(s) of the Month - Congratulations!

July
EMPLOYEE
OF THE MONTH

JASON JOHNSON
INVESTIGATOR
JUVENILE COURT UNIT

FANI T. WILLIS, District Attorney



Vanessa Condry
February 2021



Jinnique Roberts
March 2021



James Spear
April 2021



Barry T. Hunter
May 2021



Caitlin Bradley
June 2021

Now hiring.

INTEGRITY MATTERS!

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

(final listing)

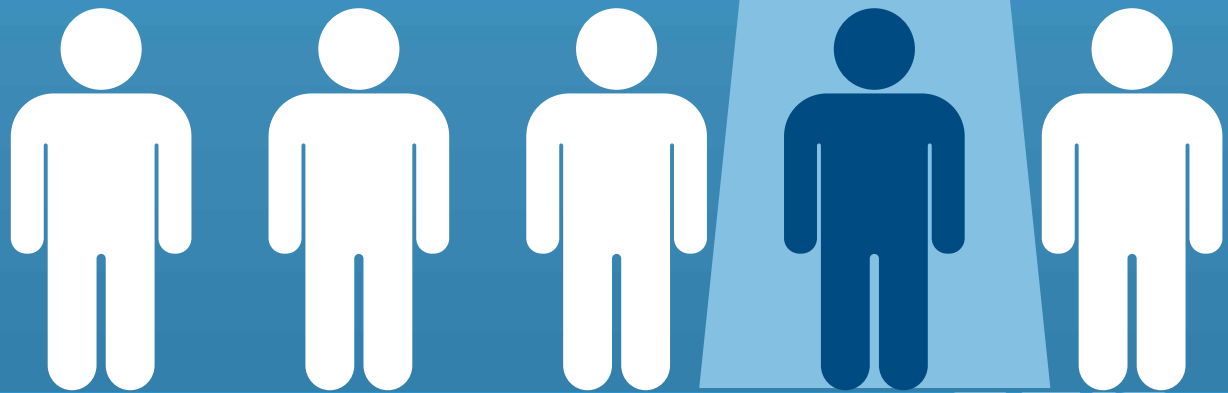
Duties will include, but not be limited to, Post Records (Training, etc.), GCIC, Vehicles, and Equipment.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF TRIAL DIVISION

(final listing)

This Deputy Chief will serve as the supervisor for the following:

1. Assistant Chief Trial Division
2. Assistant Chief Administration
3. Director of Telecommunications & Evidence Management



If you are interested you will have until **August 31, 2021**, to submit your resume and a letter of interest to Mrs. Kyra Banks.

Interviews for this position will begin in Mid-September.





**FULTON
COUNTY**

2021

**COVID-19
(coronavirus)**

VACCINE INCENTIVE

\$150

EXTENDED to SEPT 30th!

Submit Proof by September 30, 2021

Staff & Stories

Piedmont Park Press Conference

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Fulton County Madam DA Fani T. Willis and Sheriff Patrick Labat addressed the media in the third-floor grand jury room about the stabbing death of a Midtown woman, 40-year-old Katherine Janness, and her 3-year-old pet pit bull who were found in Piedmont Park in the early morning hours of July 28, 2021. During the press conference, Madam DA urged the public not to venture into the park alone at night. Also present during the press conference was Mike Carlson, Executive District Attorney-Major Crimes (middle row picture-left), along with other state and federal prosecutors, including Kurt R. Erskine, acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (middle row picture-right), and heads of law enforcement. During the press conference, Madam DA also addressed questions related to the case of 8-year-old Secoriea Turner, who was fatally shot on July 4, 2020, as demonstrations unfolded as a result of a fatal police shooting at a nearby Wendy's in south Atlanta.



Staff & Stories

Special Victims Division Leadership Outing

On Friday, August 6, 2021, Special Victims Division's leaders took time to get to know one another while hanging out on the rooftop at Ponce City Market.

Top Picture (left to right): Brett Pinion, Deputy of the Juvenile Unit; Brandee Bolton, Deputy Victim Witness Advocate over the Special Victims Unit; Aimee Maxwell, Deputy of the Conviction Integrity Unit; Julianna Peterson, Chief Assistant of the SAKI Unit; Lauren McAuley, Deputy of the Terrell Williams Crimes Against Children Unit; Daysha Young, Executive District Attorney-Special Victims Division; Shaun Pritchett, Deputy Legal Assistant for the Special Victims Unit; Earnelle Winfrey, Chief Assistant of the Human Trafficking Unit; Simone Hylton, Deputy of the Brenda Baham Domestic Violence Unit; Yolanda Mack, Deputy of the Sex Crimes Unit; and Jawara Mars, Chief Assistant of the SB440 Unit.



Staff & Stories

Conviction Integrity Unit Review Board's Swearing-In

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Top Picture (left to right): Michael Lash, Senior Associate with CBRE Group; the Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Jr., Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA; Bettieanne C. Hart, an attorney in private practice who handles estate and probate cases; Madam District Attorney Fani T. Willis; (on Zoom) Melissa D. Redmon, director of the Prosecutorial Justice Program at the University of Georgia School of Law; Michael A. Carson, Jr., founder of Image Builders, LLC; and Lynsey Barron, a criminal defense attorney with Miller and Martin.

Middle Picture: the board members are sworn in by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Shermela J. Williams.



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Activities During the Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Top Picture: Listening to the Speakers

Second Row: Left Picture: Supporters of Out-of-State Teams

Second Row: Right picture: guest speakers Eric Alston and Aakeem Woodard

Third Row: Supporters of In-State Teams



Staff & Stories

What were you doing on August 11, 2020?

Leadership toast to Madam DA Fani Willis to celebrate the anniversary of her historic victory a year ago on August 11, 2020.



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Full Force Fulton: Chief's Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Space In Time art gallery/venue in Sandy Springs

Top Row (left): Fulton County Commissioners Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Liz Hausmann and Natalie Hall; Fulton County Solicitor General Keith E. Gammage; and Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat join Madam DA and various law enforcement chiefs from around Georgia for a group photo.

Top Row (middle): Madam DA Fani T. Willis addresses the attendees.

Top Row (right): Members of the Programs Unit - Deonte Pollard, Chief of Staff Michael Cuffee, and Adult Diversion Director Epiffany Henry

Middle Row (left): Deputy District Attorneys Shelly D. Faulk and Faye Pous Rosenbaum of Case Intake; Middle Row (center): Mike Carlson, Executive District Attorney Over Major Crimes, and Cara Convery, Deputy District Attorney of Gangs; Middle Row (right): Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney Grant Rood and Deputy District Attorney Stephany Luttrell of the Civil Forfeiture Unit.

Bottom Row: Attendees from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office gather around Madam DA for a group photo.



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Urban District Attorney's Coalition Inaugural Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Space In Time art gallery/venue in Sandy Springs

First Row: Flynn D. Broady, Cobb County District Attorney; Anita R. Howard, Macon-Bibb County District Attorney

Second Row: Shannon Wallace, Cherokee County District Attorney; Tasha Mosley, Clayton County District Attorney; Sherry Boston, Dekalb County District Attorney; Fani T. Willis, Fulton County District Attorney; Patsy Austin-Gatson, Gwinnett County District Attorney

Third Row: Darius Pattillo, Henry County District Attorney; Shalena Cook Jones, Chatham County District Attorney; Jared Williams, Augusta-Richmond County District Attorney; Mark Jones, Chattahoochee County District Attorney



Staff & Stories

Record Restriction Information Clinic

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, the Fulton County District Attorney's office had its first Record Restriction Event, which was a GREAT success!!!

Participants included: Assistant District Attorneys Travis Thomas, Amanda Green, Jonathan Salman, Shaniqua Christian, Amanda Thrash, Lizzie Rosenwasser, Mychal Scates, Marci Goldman; Chief Senior Assistant District Attorneys Kevin Armstrong, Brad Malkin, Aimee Maxwell, Shannon Trotty, and Ramona Toole; Chief Legal Assistants Keehlan Haygood and Geanette Moorer; Nicole Vaughn and Vanessa Condry from Customer Service; Deputy District Attorneys Epiffany Henry, Will Wooten, Simone Hylton, and Kenneth Hutcherson; Deputy Legal Assistant Stacey Johnstone; Investigators Trina Swanson-Lucas, Natalie Brunner, Brian Salters, Damien Smith, and James Spivey; Tracey Stokes from IT; Legal Assistants Sam Chaney, Kyren McGary-Crenshaw, Tiffany Horton, LaToya Hill, Keira Jackson, Jinnique Roberts, Risha Lee, Jasmine Knight, Alicia Scurry, Corinne Collins, Edwina Sellan, Donald Moore, Marquez Jones, LaTonya Gates, and Andre Dixon; and Stacie Robinson and Erica McCray from Records.



Staff & Stories

Grillin' and Chillin' at APD's Family Fun & Fitness Day

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Madam DA participated as one of five guest judges, along with twins Jonathan and Justin Fox, owners of Fox Bros Bar-B-Q, in a Grill Master Competition at the Atlanta Police Department's Family Fun & Fitness Day at 180 Southside Industrial Parkway. Madam DA and her fellow judges were tasked with choosing the best ribs, best wings, best sauce and best presentation. Winning Team of the BBQ contest was Grill Sergeant.



The Fab Four Spotlight



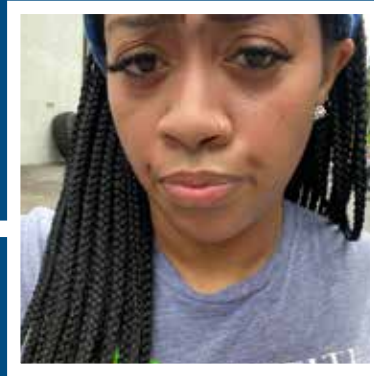
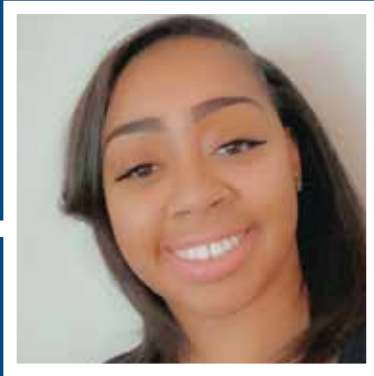
Felicia Dickens
Chief Legal Assistant
Major Crimes Division

In her sixth year at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Felicia Dickens is a true criminal justice junkie. She has a keen eye and attention to detail, which is an asset among the attorneys she works with, along with an enviable ability to mine social media for information. In March 2020, Felicia received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice with a Specialization in Forensic Science from Saint Leo University, making her the first in her family not only to graduate college but also to further her education to a Master's level. She has an Associate's Degree in Visual Arts and Science from Dekalb Technical College, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University.

By way of New Jersey, Felicia grew up in Stone Mountain, Georgia. After graduating high school, she attended cosmetology school and obtained a Master Stylist license in the state of Georgia. When she is not in human costume, you can find Felicia in full panda mode. Some would say she is obsessed with the amount of panda stuff she has, but hey, who's counting!!!

Besides having a passion for panda paraphernalia, Felicia is a two-time silver medalist in PSO (Pole Strong Organization) southeast. In her spare time, you can find her at a pole fitness class somewhere in Atlanta. She's also a certified Mixologist, which she has been for almost half of her life and at least three-quarters of her working career. When she is not traveling with friends and family, you can find Felicia in a Dollar Tree's arts and craft section buying up everything for her next DIY project. She loves cooking and trying out new recipes. Shocking fun fact about her: she knows just about every Selena song verbatim in English and in Spanish.

The Fab Four Spotlight



Valencia Younger

Chief Legal Assistant
Records Restriction Unit

As a native of Decatur, Valencia Younger has spent the majority of her life in Georgia. After graduating high school, she began her journey into the legal field in 2007. She attended Clayton State University, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies with a Paralegal Certificate. Valencia has been with the Fulton County District Attorney's office for 3 years, showcasing her talents in different departments ranging from Trial Division to Record Restriction. During that time, she knew that working in the justice system was where she wanted to be.

Outside the office, Valencia has many other passions, including real estate and aesthetics. She takes pride in learning about different cultures, with one of her favorites being that of Ethiopia. As part of getting to know other cultures, Valencia enjoys trying new foods from all walks of life. Her favorite dish is Red Snapper.

During quarantine, Valencia decided to become more active in Younger Sports Management, a family business her father started for her and her brother. After losing 35-40 pounds through hard work and dedication, Valencia has made a complete lifestyle change, which has brought her clarity in her life and sparked an interest in learning how to heal through holistic medicine.

Among her many accomplishments so far, Valencia considers her biggest accomplishment to be living. When she was 6, she missed most of first grade school year due to her having a brain aneurysm. She remembers some things during that time but not too many details. It's why she aspires to travel more internationally and to be with friends and family to make lasting memories.

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Ebony Davis

Legal Assistant
Operations Division

A Georgia Peach, Ebony Davis graduated from Benjamin E. Mays High School and grew up on the west side of Atlanta in the Adamsville area. She started her career with the Fulton County District Attorney's office at age 17 as a customer service representative before becoming the Administrative Assistant to the Victim Witness division. She is now the Legal Assistant to the Operations Division. Ebony has been with the District Attorney's office for 16 years.

Ebony has a 15-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter.

For fun, Ebony writes poetry. She loves to dance. She has a passion for cooking and baking, so much so, that she would like to start her own side business.

Other interesting tidbits about Ebony: she has Trypophobia, a fear of seeing clusters of small holes (like a bee hive). Though she is an adult, she can wear a kids size 4 shoe. Ebony is a proud Gemini.

The Fab Four Spotlight



Avaneil Tracey-Goff

Purchasing Manager
Operations Division

Avaneil is from Trinidad. She came to the United States in 2001, where she lived in New York until moving to Atlanta in 2013. While in New York, she attended the College of Stanton Island, where she obtained a degree in Accounting and Economics. In Atlanta, she started doing accounting with a notable design construction firm. In 2016, she started with the Fulton County Finance Department as an accounting associate. A year later, she joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as the purchasing manager, which remains in her current role.

Avaneil has two girls, ages 9 and 16. She absolutely loves to travel. Each year, she chooses a new destination, whether it be the Caribbean, Europe or even further. Her favorite places so far have been Paris and Rome. She knows how to make pasta from scratch after taking cooking classes in Italy. A few places on Avaneil's bucket list are Singapore, Greece and South Africa.

Some fun facts about Avaneil: she is a novice at 5k run/walks; she competes in 2-3 competitions a year. She loves to sail; she wants a small sail boat of her own someday. She likes to build things, i.e., assembling furniture. She is the only girl out of 5 siblings. She loves to read. Her favorite book so far is "Greenwichtown" by Joyce Palmer. She is currently reading "Get Good with Money" by Tiffany Aliche.

An interesting fact about Avaneil is that she started college as a pre-med student but she hated chemistry. In the future, she would love to get back into the medical field.

Avaneil wants people to know - don't take her serious face . . . too seriously. She has a sweet personality. She is a proud Pisces.

Newsroom

Click story for more information

Prosecutors lay out game plan to combat crimes across metro
WSB-TV Channel 2 - Atlanta (wsbtv.com)



Men charged in Secorrea Turner killing face 37 counts, accused of being in Bloods gang
11alive.com



Alleged gang members indicted in death of 8-year-old Georgia girl shot during protest in Atlanta
(msn.com)



Grand jury issues 37-count indictment in killing of Secorrea Turner, DA points to gang loyalty as partial motive | News | cbs46.com



Parents of Secorrea Turner speak after 2 indicted, charged | 11alive.com



Georgia prosecutors form new group to combat crime (fox5atlanta.com)



Broady, Georgia DAs look for a way out of COVID crime surge (yahoo.com)



Fulton DA won't prosecute Atlanta police officer in fatal 2017 shooting (ajc.com)



Alleged gang members indicted in 2020 shooting death of 8-year-old in Atlanta (ajc.com)



2 indicted in shooting death of Atlanta 8-year-old near Rayshard Brooks' memorial site (nbcnews.com)



Two members of 'Bloods gang' indicted in killing of 8-year-old girl near Rayshard Brooks autonomous zone (yahoo.com)



2 indicted in connection with Atlanta shooting death of girl (apnews.com)



Grand jury indicts suspects on gang related charges in the shooting death of 8-year-old Secorrea Turner (fox5atlanta.com)



Georgia Prosecutors Join Forces to Combat Violence | The Crime Report



Rachel Maddow reports sign of life in Georgia criminal investigation of Trump 2020 election efforts (yahoo.com)



In a courtroom near you

Domestic Violence

Antonio Wilson

#20SC177417

Courtroom: Carnesale

8/20/2021

9:00am

Motion: Final Plea

Micah Bolton

Courtroom: Krause

8/24/2021

9:30am

Motion: Final Plea

Capital Case & Cold Case

Robert Aaron Long

#20SC176856

Courtroom: Glanville

8/23/2021

9:00 am

Plea and Arraignment

Gangs

Tiedrekis Glass

#21SC17179

Courtroom: Cox

8/19/2021

10:00am

Plea and Arraignment

Trial - Complex

Shakeria King & Tyreese Brown

#20SC175642

Courtroom: Edwards

8/19/2021

9:30am

Case Management/

Motions if needed

Sex Crimes

Laquai Barrett

#21SC178478

Courtroom: Whitaker

8/19/2021

9:00am

Arraignment

Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful, committed
citizens can change the
world; indeed, it's the
only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead



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