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## **GWINNETT SOLICITOR GENERAL LISAMARIE ON NEW PODCAST**

On the new episode of Peachtree Corners Life, Rico Figliolini speaks with Lisamarie Bristol, Gwinnett Solicitor General, about her work addressing the county's growing case volume and implementing new justice initiatives. From launching a public resource website to tackling a 4,000-case backlog, Lisamarie shares how her office improves efficiency and accessibility in the legal system.

She also discusses innovative programs like the Diversion Program, the Duty Attorney Pilot Program, and the Special Victims Unit—each designed to enhance fairness and provide second chances where possible. Tune in to hear how Gwinnett County Government is adapting to its rapid growth, the role of technology in legal processes, and how community partnerships are strengthening justice for all.

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## THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ACJS ANNUAL MEETING

Recently, our Director of Operations, Dr. Jeff Smith, attended the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. At the meeting, Dr. Smith was a featured speaker and shared his research on the police use of force. He also attended a variety of sessions on topics including Accountability Courts and Mental Health.



## NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK 2025

The Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office commemorated National Crime Victims' Rights Week by sponsoring a 'Kinship Community Roundtable' event. Local community advocates attended, including Partnership Against Domestic Violence to discuss services and foster professional relationships.



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

For Women's History Month, the Solicitor's Office celebrated Lisamarie Bristol, who has made history for being the first black woman to serve as Solicitor-General of Gwinnett County. Since taking office, she's made a huge impact in our community, including organizing the 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Fundraiser and winning numerous awards.



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## CELEBRATING MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS

At the Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office, we are proud to celebrate the vibrant cultures that make our team and our community so special. With team members representing at least 19 different countries, we are a living example of the beauty and strength found in diversity. During Multicultural Awareness Month, we proudly honor the rich traditions, languages, and experiences that each person brings to our office. Every background, every story, and every voice contributes to a stronger, more united Gwinnett County.



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## CONNECTING WITH LAWRENCEVILLE CPA ALUMNI

The Solicitor's Office had the opportunity to speak with the Lawrenceville CPA Alumni about our role in prosecuting misdemeanor cases. We also spoke on the Diversion Program in the criminal justice system, which helps address the root cause of offenses as well as ensure accountability and community safety.



## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA TRAINING

Members of our Special Victims Unit and Victim Witness team attended a Domestic Violence Mental Health Clinical Experience training. It was led by Partnership Against Domestic Violence, which is the first and largest domestic violence organization in Georgia. The information shared was vital to enhancing the skill sets of the attorneys and victim advocates who attended.



## NEW AND EXCITING PARTNERSHIPS

A new partnership between the Solicitor's Office and four incredible organizations is official! This will help connect students with GED programs and trade school opportunities. Our partners include Gwinnett Technical College, Lanier Technical College, The Georgia Trade School, and Education and Career Resources of Georgia.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SHERYL HARRIS'S INTERVIEW WITH GWINNETT FAMILY TASK FORCE

National Crime Victims' Rights Week took place from April 6-12. This year's theme is Kinship, Connecting & Healing. In honor of this important week, Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Director of Victim Services, Sheryl Harris, was interviewed by the President of the Gwinnett Family Task Force, Christa Harris. They discussed National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the importance of this year's theme, and how the theme ties into the Solicitor's office. Click this link to listen to the full interview!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**  
MAY 1 - MAY 31

**DASH 4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS 5K**  
OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT ALEXANDER PARK, 8:00 A.M.

Register today by clicking this [link](#).

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