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A Message from Solicitor General - Lisamarie N. Bristol

As we reach the halfway point of 2026, I am incredibly proud of the dedication, professionalism, and compassion demonstrated by every member of the Gwinnett County Solicitor-General's Office. Our mission extends beyond prosecuting misdemeanor crimes—we strive to educate, engage, and strengthen our community while ensuring justice is served with integrity.

The first six months of this year have been filled with meaningful partnerships, community outreach, professional development, and continued innovation. Thank you to our staff, law

enforcement partners, community organizations, and the citizens of Gwinnett County for your continued trust and support.

IN THE COMMUNITY



On January 8, 2026, Gwinnett County Solicitor General Lisamarie N. Bristol was invited to speak @Grayson Technical Education Program where she shared her inspiring journey into the legal profession. Students were eager to learn about her educational path, her decision to run for public office, and the internships and volunteer experiences that helped shape her career. With aspirations of becoming lawyers, judges, and legal professionals themselves, students gained valuable insight into what it truly takes to succeed in the legal field. We are grateful for leaders like Solicitor General Bristol who take the time to invest in and encourage the next generation of legal professionals.



The Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) and the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office teamed up to host a Family Violence Interdisciplinary Training. This full-day training brought together law enforcement officers, victim advocates, and prosecutors from multiple counties to strengthen family-violence response, enhance coordination, and reinforce best practices. The event was held at the Gwinnett Police Training Center. Participants also had the opportunity to earn Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) credit hours and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped advance a stronger, more collaborative response to family violence in our community.



The Gwinnett County Solicitor General and members of her team were proud to participate once again in the United Ebony Society Annual MLK Day Parade in Lawrenceville, GA. Held on January 19, 2026, this year's theme—"Rise Up, Stand Up for the Dream"—honored the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and reminded us all of our shared responsibility to serve, lead, and uplift our community. It was an inspiring day of unity, reflection, and celebration, despite the cold temperatures!



On February 5, 2026, we had an incredible opportunity to come together as a community at the Gwinnett County Solicitor General Public Impact Forum. This video highlights key moments from the discussion, which focused on accountability, public safety, and building stronger relationships between the justice system and the community that it serves.

Thank you to everyone who attended, shared their voices, and continue to stay engaged. Real impact happens when communities stay informed and involved.

Watch the recap and join the conversation—your voice matters!



Teen Dating Violence Awareness

During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February, The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited seven local high schools to educate students about healthy relationships, warning signs of dating violence and available resources.

The team distributed educational materials and encouraged students to recognize the signs of unhealthy relationships and seek help when needed. Through education and outreach, the Solicitor General's Office remains committed to preventing dating violence and empowering young people to build safe, respectful relationships.



The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Brookwood High School to provide students with information and resources on teen dating violence awareness and prevention. Our team shared age-appropriate materials, answered questions, and connected students with community resources in a supportive and educational setting.



Berkmar High School

The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Berkmar High School to provide students with information and resources focused on teen dating violence awareness and prevention. During the visit, students received materials to help them:

- Identify the warning signs of unhealthy relationships
- Recognize the characteristics of healthy relationships
- Learn strategies to prevent and respond to teen dating violence

By having these conversations early, we empower young people with the tools they need to build safe, respectful relationships.

Shiloh High School

The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Shiloh High School to host an event highlighting the importance of teenagers treating their partners with dignity, respect, and equality. The event aimed to foster a supportive environment for students, raise awareness about teen dating violence, reinforce the importance of establishing healthy relationships, and provide students with resources and tools to both educate and empower them.

Discovery High School

Members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Discovery High School to discuss Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention. Students received age-appropriate resources, engaged in open dialogue, and were connected to trusted community support services. Thank you to the staff and students for partnering with us to promote healthy, respectful relationships.



Grayson High School

The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Grayson High School to share information on Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention. Students received age-appropriate resources, learned the signs of unhealthy relationships, and were connected to trusted community support services.

Duluth High School

On February 24, team members from the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited Duluth High School to share valuable resources and information about healthy relationships in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Students had the opportunity to learn about the importance of respect, communication, boundaries, and recognizing the signs of unhealthy relationships. The team also provided guidance on available community resources and how to seek help if they or someone they know needs support. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with students and continue working together to promote safe and healthy relationships in our community.

McClure Health Science High School

On February 24, representatives from the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited McClure Health Science High School in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. They spoke with students about the importance of building healthy relationships, showing respect, understanding consent, and recognizing the warning signs of dating violence. The team also shared valuable community resources and information to help students access support services and encouraged open conversations about fostering safe, positive relationships both in and out of school.



North Gwinnett High School

On February 25, the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited North Gwinnett High School to engage with students to promote dignity, respect, and equality in teen relationships. This initiative provided a supportive space for students, raised awareness about teen dating violence, highlighted the importance of healthy relationships, and offered resources and tools



VWAP Conference

Our Victim Advocates Represented Gwinnett County at the 2026 VWAP Conference! This past week, our dedicated victim advocates from the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office, had the privilege of attending the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia's annual Victim Witness Assistance Program Conference (VWAP).

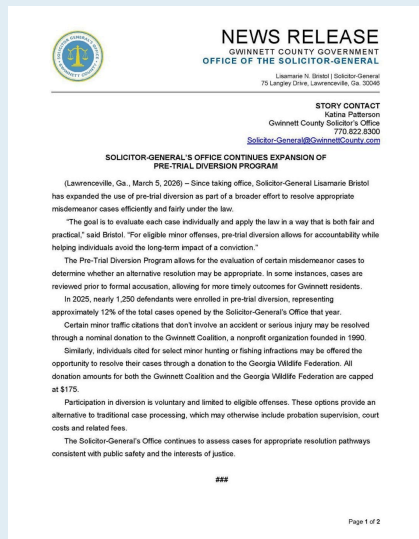


Elder Abuse Awareness

On February 26, our Gwinnett County Solicitor General Lisamarie N. Bristol had the distinct pleasure of being a featured presenter at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) Elder Abuse Training, in Suwanee. Solicitor General Bristol presented on "Cultural Sensitivity Issues in Elder Abuse Cases", highlighting

to educate, empower, and protect themselves and others.

the unique challenges prosecutors and advocates face when supporting and seeking justice for older adults. We are also proud to share that several of our dedicated Victim Advocates attended the training, continuing their commitment to strengthening services and protections for vulnerable members of our community. Together, we remain committed to protecting and advocating for the seniors of Gwinnett County.



Pre-Trial Diversion Expansion

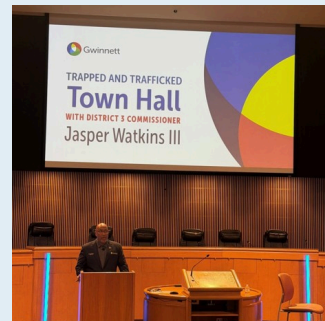
News Release:

The Solicitor's Office is continuing the expansion of our Pre-Trial Diversion Program, providing eligible individuals charged with certain non-violent offenses the opportunity to complete program requirements instead of going through the traditional court process. This initiative promotes accountability, rehabilitation, and more effective use of court resources while helping strengthen our community.



Jordan Middle School Career Day

On March 4, our Chief Solicitor, Joshua May, had the privilege of presenting at Jordan Middle School's Fourth Annual Career Day. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to take part in this inspiring event. Career Day is a meaningful way to inspire young minds, share professional experiences, and connect students with real-world career paths. We are grateful for the countless hours the school staff dedicated to making



District 3 Human Trafficking Awareness Town Hall

March 8, our Solicitor General, Lisamarie N. Bristol, was privileged to join Commissioner Jasper Watkins III at the District 3 Human Trafficking Awareness Town Hall, "Trapped and Trafficked," where she served as a panelist. The Town Hall was informative and impactful. Attendees heard from a survivor who shared a powerful personal story, as

this day a lifelong learning experience for students and a rewarding opportunity for presenters. It was an honor to be part of such a well-organized and impactful event. We look forward to continuing our support and hope to return again in the years to come!



Atlanta John Marshall Law School Spring Career Fair

This past weekend, Assistant Solicitor General's Stephen Kangers and Jung-Wook Lee attended the Atlanta John Marshall Law School Spring Career Fair. This event is specifically geared toward graduating students and provides valuable opportunities to connect with legal professionals and explore career pathways. By staying actively engaged, our office helps create meaningful career opportunities for students, and we truly enjoy connecting with the next generation of legal professionals.

well as from law enforcement and community partners who provided valuable information about human trafficking and the services and resources available to support victims.



Duluth High School Career Fair

Members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office enjoyed attending the Duluth High School Career Fair on March 19, 2026! It was a great opportunity to connect with students, share our career journeys, and support their exploration of future pathways. The "CLAWS" Bingo challenge sparked meaningful conversations and engagement throughout the day. Thank you, Duluth High School, for the invitation—we're proud to support and inspire the next generation!



Women's History Month Spotlight!

On January 1, 2023, Lisamarie N. Bristol made history as the first Black woman to serve as Solicitor General in Gwinnett County. Today we celebrate a trailblazer, leader, and dedicated public servant whose career has been defined by service, advocacy, and a steadfast commitment to justice. After graduating from York University in Toronto, Canada, Solicitor-General Bristol earned her law degree from Georgia State University College of Law in 2009. She began her legal career as a public defender, handling cases from State Court to the Court of Appeals while tirelessly advocating for her clients. In 2014, she transitioned into prosecution, joining the DeKalb Solicitor-General's Office Special Victims Unit, where she prosecuted cases involving domestic violence, crimes against vulnerable victims, elder abuse, stalking, and animal cruelty.

Her commitment to justice continued in 2018 when she joined the Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office as a Senior District Attorney prosecuting felony offenses. In 2021, she returned to DeKalb County as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Crime Strategies and Community Partnerships Unit, expanding her community engagement while continuing her prosecution work. During her tenure, she expanded her commitment to community advocacy by founding the Dash for Domestic Violence 5K, which has raised more than \$29,630 over the past three years to support organizations serving victims of domestic violence and strengthen awareness and resources within the community. A champion for elder justice, Solicitor-General Bristol trains professionals nationwide on best practices for prosecuting elder abuse cases. She also serves as an Adjunct Professor at her alma mater, Georgia State University, helping shape the next generation of legal professionals. A recipient of the Top 40 Under 40 alumni honor from Georgia State University and the Moxie Influence Award from the Gwinnett Chamber, Solicitor-General Bristol remains deeply committed to the community she serves. Alongside her husband, she is raising three children here in Gwinnett County. Please join us in celebrating Solicitor-General Lisamarie N. Bristol, a history-maker, community leader, and an inspiration to many.



Lawrenceville PD Citizens Police Academy

On March 23rd, our Solicitor General, Lisamarie N. Bristol, had the honor of serving as a guest speaker at the Lawrenceville Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is a valuable program that gives residents of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County a deeper understanding of their local police department and how officers enforce local and state laws. Its mission is to cultivate a community of informed and engaged citizens who can help foster greater awareness of police practices and the services they provide. We are proud to support initiatives that promote transparency, education, and meaningful collaboration between law enforcement and the communities they serve.



2026 Resilient Gwinnett in Action Summit

Staff members from the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office were proud to attend the 2026 Resilient Gwinnett in Action Summit. This impactful event focused on the mental health of our community and strengthening our well-being through the expert guidance of speakers, panelists, partners, and attendees. Our team is grateful for the meaningful conversations, valuable connections, and the shared commitment to building a stronger, more resilient Gwinnett—together.



McClure Health and Science High School Health Fair

Members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office were honored to attend the McClure Health and Science High School Health Fair on Friday, March 27, 2026. Our team had the opportunity to share valuable information with students and the community on mental health, domestic violence, suicide prevention, elder abuse awareness, and teen dating violence awareness. The students were also counseled about public safety, the legal system, and making positive choices that impact their future.

We enjoyed engaging with such bright and motivated students and truly appreciate the invitation to be part of this important event. Thank you to the staff and organizers for hosting a successful



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month 

This April, we're proud to join Mosaic Georgia in "Painting Gwinnett Blue" to raise awareness and stand together for the safety and well-being of children in our community.

Mark your calendars for April 10th and wear blue to show your support! Every voice, every action, and every show of solidarity makes a difference.

Joint Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Impaired Driving Training

Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office in partnership with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, will host a Joint Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Impaired Driving Training on April 8–9, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at the Gwinnett County Police Training Center in Lawrenceville.

This two-day course will enhance collaboration, strengthen DUI case outcomes, and provide updated legal guidance and hands-on training. Participants can earn 12 hours of POST/CLE credit.



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SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO HOSTS JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTOR IMPAIRED DRIVING TRAINING

WHAT: The Gwinnett Solicitor General's Office, in partnership with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, will host a Joint Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Impaired Driving Training.

This comprehensive two-day training will bring together law enforcement officers and prosecutors to enhance collaboration, improve case outcomes, and advance public safety through updated legal guidance and practical skill development. The course will cover Georgia DUI law, phases of detection, case law updates, implied consent, search warrants, cannabis impairment, cross-examination strategies and hands-on practical exercises.

Participants will receive 12 hours of POST/CLE credit.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

WHERE: Gwinnett County Police Training Center, 854 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville

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Note to media partners: Law enforcement personnel may register for the training [here](#).

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On Saturday, March 28, 2026, we proudly celebrated our Solicitor General, Lisamarie N. Bristol, who was honored at Otis Sallid's GOSPEL! GOSPEL! GOSPEL!, produced by Tamara Whitehead, in recognition of Women's History Month.

This special occasion highlighted extraordinary women who are making meaningful change in their communities. Solicitor Bristol stood among a group of remarkable women whose leadership, dedication, and service continue to uplift and transform lives every day.

We are incredibly proud of her achievements and grateful for the positive impact she continues to make. Congratulations to Solicitor Bristol and all the phenomenal women honored!



Gwinnett Mocha Moms

Gwinnett Mocha Moms, in partnership with NCNW "National Council of Negro Woman" and the League of Women Voters, recently hosted a Gwinnett Civics event, bringing the community together to learn more about local government and civic engagement.

We were proud to have Chief Assistant Solicitor Joshua May represent the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office, where he shared valuable information about our office and the important work we are doing to serve Gwinnett County.

Thank you to Gwinnett Mocha Moms, NCNW, and the League of Women Voters for creating space for meaningful community conversations and civic education!



Survivors Brunch

On April 8, the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office had the honor of participating once again in



DUI Enforcement Training

On April 8 and Thursday, April 9, the Gwinnett Solicitor General's Office partnered with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

the Blue Table Safety Talks: Student Victim Assistance's Survivors' Brunch at Georgia State University. This meaningful event honors survivors and their ongoing journeys of healing and resilience.

The brunch creates a supportive space for students and professionals to engage in open conversations on important topics, fostering understanding, connection, and community. Together, we aim to uplift survivors, spark meaningful dialogue, and build a more supportive and inclusive environment.

to host a two-day impaired driving training.

The training brought together law enforcement officers and prosecutors to enhance DUI enforcement and prosecution across Gwinnett County. Participants covered topics including Georgia DUI law and detection phases, case law updates, implied consent and search warrants, cannabis impairment, and cross-examination strategies, along with hands-on practical exercises.

We're proud to support initiatives that make our roads safer for everyone.

💙 April is National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month, highlighting the importance of community-based efforts to support families and prevent child maltreatment before it happens.

In observance of this important month, members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office proudly wore blue to show their support.



This April, our office is honored to join Mosaic Georgia in "Painting Gwinnett Blue" to raise awareness and stand united for the safety and well-being of children in our community.

Every voice, every action, and every show of solidarity makes a difference. Let's continue to work together to protect and empower our children.



Gwinnett County Democratic Party General Meeting

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, our Solicitor General, Lisamarie N. Bristol, was the featured speaker at the Gwinnett County Democratic Party General Meeting.

Solicitor Bristol provided an engaging overview of the Solicitor's Office, highlighting its many accomplishments,



Voices of Muslims

On Sunday, April 12th, Solicitor General Lisamarie Bristol had the honor of being a featured guest at the Voices of Muslims "The Momentum GAGA: Our America, Our Future" event.

Her presence highlighted the importance of leadership, representation, and community voices coming together to help shape a stronger, more inclusive future for our nation. 🇺🇸



Brookwood High School Career & Apprenticeship Fair

Today, members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office participated in the Brookwood High School Career & Apprenticeship Fair. It was a great opportunity to connect with students, share insights about careers in public service, and highlight the important work being done in our community. Thank you to Brookwood High School for

as well as the impactful community outreach initiatives and valued partnerships that continue to strengthen and serve our community.

Events like these remind us that when we uplift diverse perspectives, we move closer to the America we all believe in.

hosting such a meaningful event!

We appreciate her leadership and dedication to making a difference!



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is observed annually in April to honor survivors, recognize those who serve, and to promote victims' rights.

This week focuses on validating survivor experiences, providing trauma-informed services for victims, removing barriers to justice, advocating for victim rights, and supporting survivors of crime.

The theme for NCVRW 2026 is Listen, Act, Advocate. Protect victims, serve communities.

The significance of this week is to highlight the need for continued support for victims and to bring awareness to the programs and laws that exist to help crime victims rebuild their lives.

This week, the Victim Witness Unit of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office honored survivors with an event at the Gwinnett Justice Administration Center.

Members of the community were provided with vital information on crime prevention awareness, legal and community resources for crime victims, and their very own copy of the Crime Victim Bill of Rights.

Additionally, The Victim Witness Unit created a 'Wall of Support' for community members to write positive affirmations in support of all victims of crime.



Lawrenceville PD CPA Graduates

For the past several months, ASG Lee and ASG Raimando went the extra mile to connect with the Gwinnett community by participating in the Lawrenceville Citizens Police Academy.

Through this experience, they gained firsthand insight into the fast-paced world of policing and the critical collaboration between officers and prosecutors. During that time they observed warrant application process, a takedown and arrest, report writing, evidence collection, and fingerprinting and they fully immersed themselves in the realities of serving and protecting the community.

Yesterday evening, Jung Wook and Alessandro officially graduated from the academy!

Join us in celebrating this incredible achievement. We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and commitment to perfecting your craft—job well done!



Denim Day

Today, the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office proudly wore BLUE in support of Denim Day, part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Denim Day is an international campaign focused on sexual violence prevention and education. It began in the 1990s after an Italian court overturned a rape conviction, suggesting the victim's tight jeans implied consent. In response, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans in protest—sparking a global movement.

Wearing denim today is more than a symbol, it's a statement. It shows support for survivors and challenges harmful myths about sexual violence, including the false idea that clothing equals consent.

We stand in solidarity with survivors and remain committed to raising awareness, promoting education, and advocating for justice.



12th Annual Gwinnett County Multi-Cultural Festival

Members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General Office proudly represented the United States at the 12th Annual Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House, hosted in partnership with the Gwinnett Police Department.

The event was held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sugarloaf Mills in Lawrenceville.

This year's Gwinnett Multicultural Festival and County Government Open House served as a vibrant platform for unity, learning, cultural appreciation and a celebration of the rich diversity of Gwinnett County. Attendees enjoyed traditional performances, face painting, bounce houses, and touch-a-truck activities, creating a fun and welcoming environment for families and community members of all backgrounds.



Outre' Created Empowerment Exchange Community Hub

Last week, our Chief Assistant Solicitor General, Joshua May, participated in the Outré Created Empowerment Exchange Community Hub! He shared valuable information about record restrictions, helping attendees better understand how they and their families can limit access to parts of their record and open doors to new opportunities. This kind of knowledge is truly life-changing for individuals working toward a fresh start. The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office is committed to serving the community and equipping others with the tools they need to move forward with confidence. ❤️



Basic Litigation training

ASG Myers, ASG Rowe, and ASG Song recently attended the Prosecutors Association Counsel (PAC) Basic Litigation training. This valuable program provided in-depth instruction on foundational litigation skills, enhancing their ability to effectively advocate and serve the community. We're proud of their continued commitment to professional growth and excellence in prosecution.

Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy Spring 2026 Cohort

On May 6, our Chief Assistant Solicitor General, Joshua May, represented the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office at the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy Spring 2021 Cohort during their Law and Order Session, where he provided an overview of the Solicitor General's Office. The objectives of this session were to help participants recognize how each court and office serves residents by ensuring justice, accountability, and support for Gwinnett families and youth. By hearing directly from those who shape and uphold the law, cohort members gained a better understanding of their rights, responsibilities, and potential as future leaders in the Gwinnett community.

Hearts with Hope Gala

Last evening our Solicitor General Lisamarie Bristol was honored by PADV Partnership Against Domestic Violence as a Legacy Society Honoree at their 37th Annual Hearts with Hope Gala. The theme was ROOTED IN COURAGE Cultivating Safety, Healing and Hope. "The 2026 Legacy Society Award Presented to Gwinnett County Solicitor General Lisamarie Bristol for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment in advancing PADV's mission to end the crime of domestic violence and empower its survivors." Solicitor Bristol serves on the PADV Board of Directors. For more than five decades, Partnership Against Domestic Violence has been deeply rooted in the Atlanta Metropolitan community, standing alongside survivors and families impacted by domestic violence. Since 1975, PADV has worked to empower survivors through safety, education, and life-changing resources, meeting people where they are and honoring their strength, resilience, and voice.



National Police Week

During National Police Week, the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office proudly recognizes and honors the brave men and women of law enforcement who serve and protect our community every day.

We are grateful for the dedication, courage, and sacrifice of our officers, deputies, investigators, and public safety professionals who work tirelessly to keep Gwinnett County safe.



Ministry Fair

The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office was honored to participate in the Ministry Fair focused on Pastoral Care Services at New Mercies Christian Church on Sunday, May 17, 2025, as part of our Mental Health Awareness Month recognition.

Our team appreciated the opportunity to share mental health awareness resources, engage in meaningful conversations, and connect with members of the church family and community. Together, we continue working to promote wellness, support, and access to resources that strengthen mental health awareness for all.

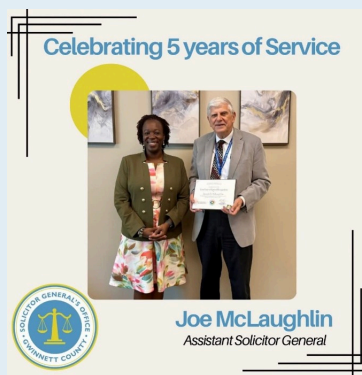


Re-Elected

Congratulations to our Gwinnett County Solicitor-General, Lisamarie N. Bristol, on your re-election!

Thank you for your continued service, leadership, and passion for our community. We look forward to your guidance and dedication over the next four years. Wishing you continued success as you serve the citizens of Gwinnett County!

Dedicated Service Awards



On May 26, we proudly recognized three outstanding members of our team for their years of dedicated service to our office and community.

Investigator, Casey Chiofalo - 10 years of service

Assistant Solicitor, Joe McLaughlin - 5 years of service

Victim Advocate, Tre Thomas - 5 years of service

Your hard work, loyalty, and commitment do not go unnoticed. We are grateful for everything each of you brings to this office every single day. Congratulations on these important milestones!

Condolences to Travis Clarke of Lawrenceville PD

The Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Officer Travis Clarke of the Lawrenceville Police Department following his tragic passing in an off-duty traffic accident on May 29, 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Officer Clarke's loved ones, the Lawrenceville Police Department, and the entire City of Lawrenceville family as they mourn this heartbreaking loss.



2026 Korean Festival Kickoff Event and Opening Ceremony

Members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor-General's Office were honored to attend the 2026 Korean Festival Kickoff Event and Opening Ceremony.

The event celebrated the leaders, partners, and community advocates who assisted in making the Korean Festival a success. We were proud to join the community in celebrating Korean culture, heritage, food, music, and unity at this year's festival kickoff.



Lawrenceville Senior Center

On June 12, Solicitor General Lisamarie N. Bristol and members of our team visited the Lawrenceville Senior Center to share important information and resources in



Elder Abuse Awareness Month

During Elder Abuse Awareness Month, the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office joins communities across the nation in recognizing the importance of protecting older adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We are dedicated to promoting awareness, prevention, and advocacy to help ensure every senior citizen can live safely and with dignity.

Throughout the month, we encourage our community to learn the signs of elder abuse, support older adults, and help protect some of our most vulnerable residents. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that our seniors are treated with the care and respect they deserve.



Women Veterans Luncheon

Solicitor-General Lisamarie N. Bristol proudly joined Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson and community partners at the 2026 Women Veterans Luncheon to honor

recognition of Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

During the presentation, attendees learned how to recognize the signs of elder abuse, ways to protect themselves and their loved ones, and where to find help and support. To make the session engaging and interactive, participants enjoyed a game of Bingo featuring questions and facts from the PowerPoint presentation.

Thank you to the Lawrenceville Senior Center for welcoming us and helping us spread awareness about this important issue. Together, we can help protect and support older adults in our community.

the courage, service, and sacrifices of the women who have served our nation.

We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate these remarkable veterans and recognize their lasting contributions to our community and country. Thank you to all of our women veterans for your dedication and service.



The Mansions at Gwinnett Park Senior Independent Living

On June 22, Solicitor General Lisamarie N. Bristol and members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited The Mansions at Gwinnett Park Senior Independent Living to share important information, resources, and prevention tips aimed at protecting older adults in our community.

Elder abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, financial, and neglect. Through education and community engagement, we can help ensure that seniors are treated with the dignity, respect, and protection they deserve.

Thank you to The Mansions at Gwinnett Park Independent Living for welcoming us and partnering with us to raise awareness about this important issue.



Buford Senior Center

As part of ongoing efforts to raise awareness during Elder Abuse Awareness Month, Solicitor General Lisamarie N. Bristol and members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited the Buford Senior Center to share resources and information on recognizing, preventing, and reporting elder abuse.



Centerville Senior Center

As part of our commitment to promoting awareness during Elder Abuse Awareness Month, our Director of Training and Development Shelly Faulk and members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office visited the Centerville Senior Center

The Solicitor General's team spoke with seniors about the warning signs of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, while highlighting resources available to help protect older adults. Thank you to the Buford Senior Center for the warm welcome and the opportunity to engage with members of the community. Together, we can help raise awareness and promote the safety, dignity, and well-being of older adults.

to engage with local seniors and raise awareness about preventing, recognizing, and reporting Elder Abuse. During the visit, staff shared important information about common warning signs of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Additionally, resources were made available to help protect older adults in the community. Outreach is part of ongoing efforts to ensure seniors are informed, supported, and safe. We appreciate the opportunity to connect with our senior community and continue working together to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Director of Victim Services, Sheryl Harris



We're proud to share that our Director of Victim Services, Sheryl Harris, recently delivered a presentation to new victim advocates at the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia's Fundamentals of Prosecution-Based Victim Advocacy Training. Sheryl shared her expertise and experience to help equip the next generation of victim advocates with the knowledge and skills needed to support victims and survivors throughout the criminal justice process. Thank you, Sheryl, for your dedication to victim services and for helping strengthen victim advocacy across Georgia!



Women In Action Breakfast

On Friday February 27, members of the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office were honored to attend the annual Woman in Action Breakfast hosted by Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV).

This year's theme, "Rooted in Community: The Power of Community in the Fight Against Domestic Violence," highlighted the critical role that collaboration, advocacy, and community support play in preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors. We are grateful for the opportunity to stand

alongside community leaders, advocates, and partners who are committed to creating safer, stronger communities. Together, we remain rooted in service and united in the fight against domestic violence.



Last week, The Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office was proud to partner with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PACGA) to provide specialized ARIDE training for Georgia prosecutors. This valuable training equipped prosecutors with practical tools to strengthen impaired driving prosecutions, enhance courtroom effectiveness, and stay ahead of evolving trends in impaired driving cases. Participants also earned six hours of CLE credit. Thank you to PACGA, our presenters, and everyone who participated in this important professional development opportunity.

SPOTLIGHT



Dedicated Service Awards

Please join us in congratulating Investigator Tim Barnett on his 20 years of service to Gwinnett County. His two decades of service have had a lasting impact on our team, community and local residents. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and integrity.

Solicitor's Birthday

Happy Birthday to our Solicitor General, Lisamarie Bristol! From everyone on our team, we want to thank Solicitor General Lisamarie for her tireless dedication, leadership and advocacy on behalf of the victims, their families and the Gwinnett community as a whole.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dog Days of Summer Presentation September 10, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Ahimsa House Animal Shelter Donation Drive was held from July 6 to August 14 this year. The Ahimsa House provides pet boarding for survivors who are in domestic violence shelters. You can help these survivors and their furry companions by donating items including unopened pet treats, pet carriers, flea preventative, unopened pet food, food bowls, dog collars and more. These items can be dropped off in at our office located at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046, we are located on the second floor.

Dash 4 Domestic Violence Awareness 5K October 3, 8 a.m. at Alexander Park, 955 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Join us for the 4th annual Dash 4 Domestic Violence Awareness 5k on October 4 at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards Mosaic Georgia, Ahimsa House and the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, which are organizations that provide resources for survivors as well as education for the public. **Sign up today** as a runner or sponsor to participate in this inspiring event!

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