

## Office of the District Attorney

2020 Budget Presentation Daniel J. Porter, District Attorney Gwinnett Judicial Circuit

# **GWINNETT COUNTY**

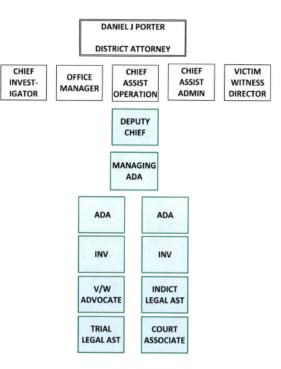
#### **District Attorney**

Fund	2019 Adopted	Changes to Base	Decision Packages	2020 Proposed
General	\$16,386,417	\$931,250	\$1,689,228	\$19,006,895
Crime Victims Assistance	\$342,198	\$19,163		\$361,361
Law Enforcement Accounts	\$137,000	\$38,000		\$175,000

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Superior Court Judge** House Bill 21 signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp authorizes an 11<sup>th</sup> Superior Court judge for the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. This requires the District Attorney's Office to staff a prosecution team for cases that will be assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> judge.

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#### **Addition of Juvenile Court Judge**

- Request is contingent on the appointment of a fourth Juvenile Court judge for Gwinnett County.
- The appointment of a fourth judge would require the District Attorney's Office to staff additional personnel to be assigned to the fourth judge.

#### **Pre-Sentence Investigator for Juvenile Offenders**

There is an increase in juvenile offenders being charged as adults with major felony offenses. This position would review these cases and assist in the determination if the juvenile should be charged as an adult or receive consideration from the State to deviate from the charges and sentence based on their previous record or circumstances.

#### **Appellate Team**

The District Attorney's Office currently has two Assistant DAs assigned to handle appeals on major felony cases.

Expanding the Appellate Team would allow the team to handle appeals on all felony cases and allow the trial ADAs additional time to manage their trial related duties that have increased. District Attorney Budget Increase

The increase to the 2020 budget requests is attributed to the following:

- Increase in personnel and equipment to staff additional judge appointments
- Increased costs of transportation of out-of-state witnesses/victims, expert witness fees and supplies to provide discovery to defense counsel

## District Attorney Service Enhancements and Reductions

We continue to increase our community outreach to inform the citizens of services and programs that are available to them.

Services provided by the District Attorney's Office are mandated by law and any reduction would be to the detriment of the citizens we serve.