



2021 Business Plan Presentation

Solicitor's Office

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Who We Are and What We Do

- State Court
- Jail Division
- Recorder's Court
- Appellate Division
- Investigations
- Intake Division
- Victim Witness Advocate
- Prosecute misdemeanor crimes, which are punishable by a maximum of 12 months in custody and/or a \$1,000.00 fine
- Prosecute high and aggravated misdemeanors

Types of Cases

- Misdemeanor Vehicular Homicides
- Domestic Violence
- Shoplifting/Theft
- Simple Battery/Simple Assault
- Sexual Battery
- Prostitution/Pimping
- Child Abandonment
- Stalking
- Forgery Fourth Degree
- Interference with Child Custody
- Reckless Conduct
- Violation of Protective Order
- Department of Natural Resources
- DUI
- Public Indecency
- Hit and Run
- Criminal Trespass
- Obstruction
- False Info to LEO
- Fleeing and Attempting to Elude
- Suspended/No License
- Animal Crimes
- Fire/Code Enforcement/P&D/Alcohol
- Traffic
- Minor In Possession of Alcohol

2019 – 2020 YTD Recap

Accomplishments

- Walmart
- Hotel/extended stay
- Record restriction
- Undercover operations with GCPD
- 100% appellate success

Challenges

- Judicial Emergency
- Criminal justice reform
- Backlog of cases
- Use of technology
- Increasing population
- Increase in police officers
- Domestic violence investigation and prosecution
- DUI litigation in supreme court and CoA

Department Snapshot

External Dependencies

- Probation Office
- Other County Departments
- State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- GCPS
- Hospitals
- Defendants
- Defense Attorneys
- Judges
- Victims
- Witnesses
- Jurors

2021 Decision Packages

- Two Attorney II Positions
(\$ 207,259.00)
- Two Criminal Investigator Positions
(\$ 265,914.00)
- One IT Associate II
(\$ 54,191.00)
- One Legal Associate II –
Recorder's Court Division
(\$ 54,191.00)



State Court Attorney Position

Responsibilities:

- Prepare cases for trial or resolution
- Review body worn cameras and other evidence
- Communicates with witnesses and victims
- Negotiate with defense attorneys and Pro Se defendants
- Attend court appearances:
 - Arraignments, Trial Calendars, Motions, Probation Revocations

Justification:

- Judicial emergency
- Backlog of cases
- Judges running multiple courtrooms at the same time
- Body worn cameras
- Continued DUI litigation in Supreme Court and CoA equals increase in hearings at trial level
- Increase in population and law enforcement officers

Intake/Jail Division Attorney Position

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Decide appropriate charges based on the evidence
- Use discretion to identify cases that should or should not be prosecuted
- Review for felony charges
- Conflict cases
- DUI Court

Justification:

- Sheer volume of cases requires the attention of more than one full-time attorney
- Reduce/prevent backlog
- Early identification of cases appropriate for Mental Health and Veterans' Court
- Early identification and consolidation of defendants with multiple active cases
- Identify cases appropriate for Fast Track
- Safer community

Criminal Investigator Responsibilities

- Arrest powers
- Review each of the 7,664 cases that are assigned to State Court per year
- Locate and subpoena witnesses
- Real-time services to attorneys while they are in court
- Locate and obtain evidence
- Draft and serve search warrants
- Partner with other LEOs to assist in special details

County	Judges	Investigators	Population
Gwinnett*	9	7	936,250
DeKalb*	11	13	759,297
Cobb*	12	7	760,141
Fulton	10	21	1,063,937
Clayton	5	6	292,256

**Traffic Court Included*

Two Criminal II Investigators

Jail Division

- Our Jail Unit services defendants who remain in custody
- 2,283 State Court Cases are originated out of the jail
- One Full Time onsite Investigator can expedite the cases
- Will reduce the Detention Center population
- Gather information prosecutor can use for court appearance

Intake Division

- Investigates law enforcement and civilian warrants, Municipal and Recorder's Court bind overs
- 5,381 cases originated in Intake Unit in 2019
- Ensure all reports and evidence are collected for each case
- Reduce time for case to appear on a court calendar
- Ensures efficient and speedy resolution of cases in court
- Save County money
- Investigate Fast Track cases

IT Associate II

- The Solicitor's Office employees are housed in multiple locations:
 - GJAC
 - Courthouse Annex
 - Detention Center
 - Home users
- Additional equipment for telecommuting
- Training
- Older, leased desktops need extra attention
- New laptops require setup and deployment
- Increased workload due to pandemic

Legal Associate II – Recorder's Court Division

Responsibilities:

- Prosecute traffic cases and ordinance violations
- Prepare 42 calendars a WEEK
- Support five attorneys
- Collect evidence, create subpoenas, prepare discovery, answer phones and help the public
- Critical position for efficient, effective and equal justice

Justification:

- New school zone speed enforcement calendars
- New online court preparation
- New attorney position
- Increase in defense filings
- Judicial emergency

Total Budget

2020 Budget	\$7,738,534
Changes To Base	\$-649
2021 Base	\$7,737,885
Decision Packages	\$581,555
Total 2021 Budget	\$8,319,440