



# PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

## LAW OFFICE OF THE DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

DECATUR, GA



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### DIFFERENT UNITS WITHIN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE?

- Superior Court
- State Court
- Juvenile Court
- Training
- Complex Litigation
- Behavioral Health
- Accountability Courts
- Appeals
- Early Representation
- Cases Involving Children (CIS)
- Traffic Pretrial Justice
- Administrative
- Social Work
- Investigation
- SB440

\* representing juveniles in serious violent felonies and who are tried as adults

### DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SKILLS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN YOUR OFFICE?

No, just a passion for indigent defense.

### POPULAR ATTRACTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS TO VISIT WHILE IN THE CITY?

The center of Atlanta is 5 miles from our office so we have arts, music, sports and great restaurants close by.

### # OF GIDEON'S PROMISE LAWYERS IN YOUR OFFICE?

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### ARE RESOURCES, SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT, ACCESSIBLE TO THE STAFF ATTORNEYS?

Yes, we have a budget for expert witnesses and we have an Investigation Division, Social Work Division and court certified Spanish interpreter as part of our staff.

### DOES YOUR OFFICE HAVE ANY FORMAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OR OR SPECIAL PROJECTS?

We partner with Atlanta Legal Aid on the Nick Project. Together we work to get housing, treatment and other resources to help our clients who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness.

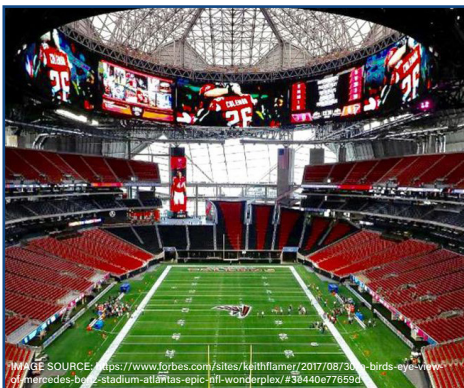
### IS THERE ANYTHING THAT DISTINGUISHES THE CLIENTS IN YOUR JURISDICTION? (I.E. LARGE NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION, LARGE SPANISH-SPEAKING POPULATION, ETC)?

Dekalb County is the most diverse county in the state of Georgia.

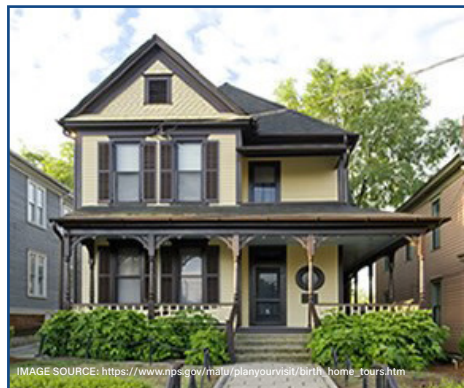
### WHAT MAKES PRACTICING IN YOUR JURISDICTION UNIQUELY CHALLENGING? (I.E. HARSH DRUG LAWS, ETC.)

We are in Metropolitan Atlanta so we have a high volume of clients.

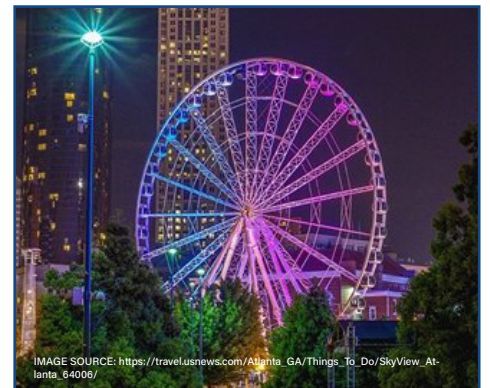
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