



Law Office of the Public Defender Augusta Judicial Circuit

Augusta, Georgia

Number of Public
Defenders

12

Number of Gideon's
Promise Defenders

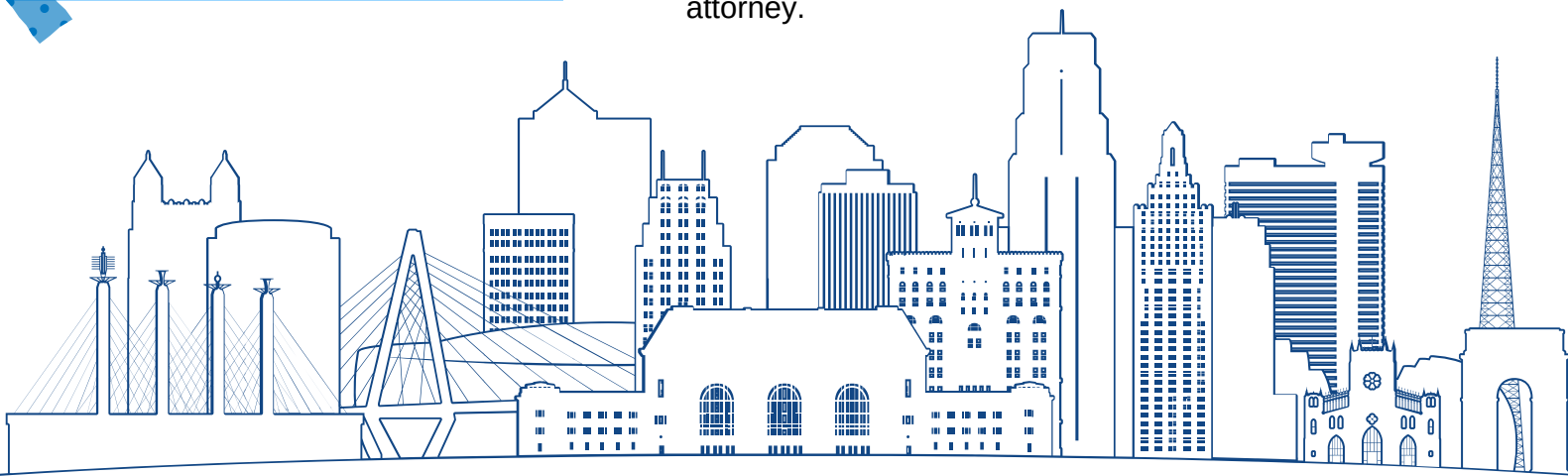
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Types of Cases Fellows
Will Handle

Start with misdemeanors. Low
level Felony in later stage, then
full felony caseload

About our Office

Augusta, Georgia is the largest city in Georgia based on land area and the second city based on population. There is a large military base, Fort Gordon, as well as Augusta University which boasts many undergraduate majors as well as a medical school. Our office is located in downtown Augusta and is a few blocks away from Riverwalk and the Savannah River. We are a short drive from Atlanta, Savannah and Columbia, South Carolina. The Augusta Judicial Circuit consists of Richmond County and Burke County. Richmond County is more urban with a larger population than Burke County. Richmond County has a large African-American population. Many in this county are at or below the poverty guidelines based on Federal Poverty guidelines. There are affluent sections of this county. In contrast, Burke County is more rural. The population is smaller with residents working more in agriculture and factory settings. Our office employs 45 persons including attorneys, investigators, paralegals, social workers, and administrative assistants. Attorneys in our office generally begin working in State Court handling misdemeanors. From there an attorney will move into Superior Court and handle a full felony caseload. The average caseloads in State Court are 225 and the average caseloads in Superior Court are 350 to 400. per attorney.





About the Fellowship

- Fellows will be placed on payroll.
- Benefits including: Health, Dental, Vision, Disability (Short-Term), Disability (Long-Term), Life
- Benefits will be paid through the county.

About the Area

Our office is located in downtown Augusta just a short walk from the Augusta Riverwalk and Savannah River. The downtown Augusta area is undergoing a revitalization plan. Many new restaurants and businesses are moving in to go along with the current businesses. Augusta is home of the Augusta Green Jackets, a minor league baseball team affiliated with the Atlanta Braves. IN mid 2027 a new entertainment arena will be opening. This will bring more concerts, and other events including minor league hockey (the Augusta Lynx) in Fall 2027.

Words from the Office

"This office has been in existence since January 2005. We have earned the reputation as a strong client centered holistic office. We strive not only to zealously represent each client but we have the staff and support needed to address client needs outside the courtroom. As a past partner with Gideno's Promise, our goals remain grounded in the same principals taught in this program."

Lee Prescott
Circuit Public Defender

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