



Chatham County District Attorney
Shalena Cook Jones, Esq.

The prosecutor's role as a "minister of justice" can only be achieved by the representation and presentation of the truth. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that the guilty are held accountable, that the innocent are protected from unwarranted harm and that the rights of all participants, particularly victims of crime, are respected.

On November 4, 2020, Shalena Cook Jones was elected as District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit located in Chatham County, Georgia.

Originally born in Brooklyn, New York, Shalena moved to the Hostess City in 2010 and is proud to call Savannah Chatham County her home.

Shalena is a mother, minister, public speaker and human activist at heart. She earned her Sociology degree from Spelman College in 1999 and from there went on to obtain her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2002. She started her prosecutorial career in the Dekalb County District Attorney's Office as a third-year law student under the leadership of J. Tom Morgan. After working at two prominent Atlanta based law firms handling insurance defense claims, Shalena returned to her first love of prosecution and trial advocacy taking a position as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Texas prosecuting Border Crimes and other federal offenses. In 2010, she moved into the Chatham County District Attorney's Office where she worked as a Special Victims Prosecutor for several years. Having specialized in domestic violence, elder abuse and other victim-centered cases on the misdemeanor and felony levels, Shalena is passionate about protecting the most vulnerable members of our community and all victims of serious violent crime.

Since assuming the role of DA in 2021, Shalena has been a strong advocate for justice and legislative reform and has fought to address systemic practices that lead to the over-incarceration of society's poor, disabled, homeless, addicted and marginalized communities. She believes that the American criminal justice system works best for all parties involved when justice outcomes are efficient, fair and effective. Such a system allows victims to have their cases heard without unnecessary delay, respects the constitutional rights of the accused, and promotes public safety through the quick and fair resolution of cases and the implementation of strategies aimed at preventing and reducing crime. She believes that this is the true meaning of "Justice for All."