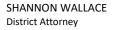
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# Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe Receives Scholarship to Attend Conference on Crimes Against Women

**April 2, 2019 --** Rachel Ashe, Assistant District Attorney from the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, will attend the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) in Dallas, TX, on April 8-11, thanks to a generous scholarship. The conference presents strategies to improve public safety and support victims of crime.

More than 2,800 prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and victim advocates from across the country will attend CCAW, which is presented by Genesis Women's Shelter & Support and the Dallas Police Department. Through participation in the conference, Ashe will expand her knowledge of how to combat crimes against women.

In addition to Ashe, the Cherokee County District Attorney's office will send two other members of its Domestic Violence Unit, Investigator Dan Combs and Victim Advocate Jessica DeGourville.

"We are thrilled that Rachel received a scholarship to attend this conference and that we were able to send two additional team members," said Cherokee County District Attorney Shannon Wallace. "In Cherokee County, our victims' advocates, investigators, and prosecutors are committed to offering the highest level of care and compassion to women victims of violent crimes."

### **Cherokee County Office of the District Attorney**

The Office of the District Attorney for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit is committed to seeking justice, acting with integrity, and collaborating with partner agencies in the criminal justice system in order to protect the citizens of Cherokee County and the State of Georgia.

# The Conference on Crimes Against Women

The goal of the Conference on Crimes Against Women is to reduce the rate of crimes against women and, ultimately, to eliminate violence against women. CCAW seeks to improve the way crimes against women are investigated and prosecuted, as well as to improve the way victims are treated through the criminal justice system.

### **Genesis Women's Shelter & Support**

Genesis Women's Shelter & Support (Dallas, TX) provides safety, shelter, and expert counseling services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis is committed to removing every roadblock a woman might face on her journey to the abuse-free life she deserves.