

Woodard Named 'Solicitor General Of The Year'

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Stephanie Woodard, Solicitor General for Hall County, was announced "Solicitor General of the Year for 2014" during the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia's (PAC) Summer Conference.

PAC presented its annual Summer Conference from July 20-23 in Jekyll Island at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. During the conference, the Georgia Association of Solicitors-General (GASG) presents this award each year to recognize outstanding leadership and dedication in the field of prosecution.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award," Woodard said. "Georgia's prosecutors are the best of the best, and to have earned their esteem is one of my proudest achievements."

Woodard became the Solicitor General of Hall County in January 2009 and immediately put her office to work for the community. She embraced new technology as a means of educating her peers and informing the citizenry about important issues such as domestic violence and driving under the influence

"Stephanie is an innovative, forward-thinking leader, who has set new and higher standards for being a prosecutor and a public servant," said GASG President and Athens-Clarke County Solicitor General C. R. Chisolm, who presented the award. "Her tireless efforts at the Capitol have helped secure multiple pieces of legislation that not only benefit the people of Hall County, but people across our entire state."

According to Chisolm, Woodard's efforts during the 2014 legislative session are precisely what made her stand out as a candidate for the award.

"At the Capitol, she has it," Chisolm said. "Not only intelligence and sharp instincts, but trustworthiness, a keen understanding of people and the highest of ethical standards."

On behalf of the GASG, Woodard was able to shepherd important pieces of legislation into law this year including HB 711, which alleviates spousal privilege when the spouse is the victim of domestic violence; HB 911, the new strangulation law; and SB 187, which concentrates on getting forensic interviews compensated for child victims and witnesses of crime.

Woodard serves as a board member for the Edmonson-Telford Center for Children, which provides free services for children who have suffered abuse. Additionally, she has served on the board of directors for Friends of Recovery, Three Dimensional Life, J.A. Walters Y.M.C.A and WomenSource.

"Working with legendary mentors who taught me, as well as fantastic new talented prosecutors, all of whom care deeply about victims and those affected by crime, makes this an amazing job," said Woodard "I am thrilled to come to work every day and help people."