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### **Black Women Attorneys Honor DeKalb Chief ADA With Leadership Award**

DeKalb County, GA – R. Javoyne Hicks White, a chief assistant district attorney for DeKalb County, Georgia has been officially recognized for her service to the legal profession by the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA). Hicks White will accept GABWA's Barbara A. Harris Award for Service to the Community on July 18 at the organization's annual gala at the Atlanta Ritz-Carlton.

The award recognizes those whose community service extends beyond the practice of law and who have made a significant contribution to ensure the social, political and economic equality of minorities and women. Recipients have practiced law for at least 10 years and have contributed substantially to programs that uplift and empower all women and minorities. Harris is the current chief judge of the city of Atlanta Municipal Court.

Hicks White is also the recipient of numerous other awards.

As one of only two chief assistant ADA's for DeKalb County, Hicks White is responsible for several specialty units including white collar crime, domestic violence/adult sexual assault, drug court, a diversion program, grand jury and juvenile court. She also supervises the child support unit, the support staff and assists in the development and implementation of overall office policies, procedures, human resources and the budget.

Prior to accepting her current appointment Hicks White served as an assistant attorney general in the special prosecutions unit of the state of Georgia Department of Law. In that job she handled white collar crime and government corruption cases. One of her major responsibilities was fighting identity theft. She was the driving force behind Georgia State Attorney General Thurbert Baker's "Stop Identity Theft Network" program.

Hicks White is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned her undergraduate and law degrees. She resides in Stone Mountain with her husband and two young daughters. Her oldest daughter resides in California.

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The DeKalb County, Georgia District Attorney's Office administers justice within the geographical limits of DeKalb County and provides services that protect citizens, prevent crime and provide peace of mind for its residents and visitors. It works to ensure citizens are treated professionally when interacting with the DA's office while upholding high ethical standards with particular emphasis on assisting victims.

**Protection \* Prevention \* Peace of Mind**