

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia



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To All District Attorneys:

BENJAMIN S. RICHARDSON
Vice Chair
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The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council met yesterday, August 26, 2008 to consider and adopt plans to accommodate the budget cuts that have come as a result of the downturn in revenue collections so far this fiscal year. Several options were considered and, after hearing from the District Attorneys in attendance, the Council decided that across the board furloughs was the fairest measure that could be taken at this time.

KELLY BURKE
Secretary
District Attorney
Houston Judicial Circuit

N. STANLEY GUNTER
District Attorney
Notah Judicial Circuit

Accordingly, state-paid employees of District Attorney offices and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council staff will be furloughed one day per month beginning with the month of September, 2008. In this context, the term furlough means one day of unpaid leave that must be taken in each month. The District Attorney of each Circuit shall determine which day his employees will take as a furlough. The furlough may be taken by all on the same day or individually at the convenience of the District Attorney and the employee.

DENISE FACHINI
District Attorney
Cordoba Judicial Circuit

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PETER J. SKANDALAKIS
District Attorney
Coweta Judicial Circuit

The Fair Labor Standards Act requires that the furlough be enforced and that no employee be permitted to work on the day of furlough. They may not volunteer their day to the office and records must be kept accurately depicting the days worked by all employees, whether or not they are F.L.S.A. exempt.

CHARLES A. SPAHOS
Solicitor General
Henry County

BARRY E. MORGAN
Solicitor-General
Cobb County

It is the hope of the Council that our situation will return to normal soon, but that is beyond their control. The financial situation will remain under constant review and adjustments in the number of days furloughed should be expected. However, employees who are paid from another funding source such as county paid staff and child support assistants are not affected by this action.

J. DAVID FOWLER
Deputy Executive Director

Sincerely,

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