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**Cherokee County Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe
Named liveSAFE Resources Woman of the Year**

March 26, 2019 -- Rachel Ashe, Assistant District Attorney from the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, was recently honored as the liveSAFE Resources Woman of the Year for her tireless work on behalf of domestic abuse victims. Ashe received the award during liveSAFE's 34th annual Tribute to Achievement benefit event at the Cobb Galleria on Friday, March 22.

"We are thrilled that Rachel has received this prestigious award that recognizes her commitment to seeking justice on behalf of our most vulnerable victims, those who have been affected by domestic violence," said Shannon Wallace, District Attorney of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. "We are blessed to have Rachel as part of our team."

In the District Attorney's office, Ashe is assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit, where she prosecutes felony cases involving intimate partner violence. She works alongside an investigator and victim advocate to ensure that victims have a voice throughout the legal process. Previously, Ashe worked in the Cherokee County Solicitor General's office, where she prosecuted misdemeanor cases involving domestic violence.

Ashe was chosen from among 15 outstanding women leaders who live and/or work in metro Atlanta. The honorees were inducted into the Academy of Women Leaders during the event.

"In Rachel's work as an assistant district attorney in Blue Ridge, she devotes her time solely to prosecuting domestic violence cases," said liveSAFE Resources CEO and Executive Director Tracey Atwater. "She is a dedicated volunteer with the Service League of Cherokee County, the Canton Optimist Club, and Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, where she is a graduate of Leadership Cherokee."

A nonprofit organization, liveSAFE Resources provides services to victims of sexual assault in Cherokee County including 24-hour medical exams by registered nurse examiners trained in advanced assessment and forensic techniques. This exam includes treatment for injuries as well as preventative treatment for sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy. In addition, liveSAFE provides confidential counseling and support groups for sexual assault victims and their family members.

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.

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