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## ADA Wallace "Wally" Rogers, Jr. Retires After 31 Years of Service to the State of Georgia

**September 26, 2019** – District Attorney Shannon Wallace announced that Assistant District Attorney Wallace "Wally" Rogers, Jr. is retiring September 30, 2019 after 31 years of service to the State of Georgia, including 26 years in the Blue Ridge Judicial District.

Originally from Albany, Georgia, Rogers graduated from Emory University and served in the U.S. Army prior to attending law school at the University of Georgia. In 1974, Rogers started his career as an assistant district attorney in Floyd County.

In 1980, Rogers moved to Canton, serving as assistant district attorney in Cherokee County until 1988. After working in private practice for 11 years, he returned to the Cherokee County District Attorney's office in 2001.

During his time as an assistant district attorney, Rogers prosecuted many criminal cases, but his passion has always been working in Juvenile Court, where he has handled nearly 6,000 cases in the last 10 years.

"It's been a joy working with Wally for so many years," said District Attorney Shannon Wallace. "As the most senior member of our office, Wally has for decades served in a leadership role to everyone in this office. His longevity has been a gift as he has mentored and guided so many of our young prosecutors, investigators, and victim advocates. We will miss him tremendously."

Rogers and his wife Meg have been married for 33 years and have four children and six grandchildren. He plans to continue working during his retirement, offering his services as a local defense attorney.

The District Attorney's office hosted a retirement reception last week for courthouse colleagues and family.

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.