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## **GENERAL COUNSEL IRA FOSTER ROLE EXPANDED**

### **MACON REGIONAL OFFICE LEADER TOMIEKA DANIEL PROMOTED TO GLSP DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

*Elizabeth Waller Elevated to Macon Managing Attorney*

**ATLANTA (October 21, 2021)** – Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) recently announced a number of promotions. General Counsel Ira Foster’s role has been expanded to include advising the Executive Leadership Team on legal rights and legal compliance in all aspects of GLSP operations as well as board governance. In addition, he will work with the Racial Equity Team to ensure GLSP leads the way to promoting racial equity and ending discrimination for GLSP clients.

With Foster’s role being expanded, Macon Regional Office Managing Attorney Tomieka Daniel has been promoted to GLSP Deputy Director. With Daniel’s promotion, Elizabeth Waller has been elevated to Managing Attorney for the Macon Regional Office.

“Ira is one of the most influential attorneys in Georgia, especially in the fight for racial equity,” said Rick Rufolo, GLSP Executive Director. “In his 33 years with GLSP, he continues to be a leader throughout the state and his expanded role ensures organizational compliance with legal matters and grant issues.

“Tomieka and Elizabeth are leaders in the legal profession and their dedication to supporting Georgians experiencing poverty and carrying out GLSP’s strategic priorities was key in these promotions,” continued Rufolo. “Tomieka’s breadth of experience will now focus on supporting our Managing Attorneys and Regional offices across the state of Georgia. And, Elizabeth has quickly proven herself to be a leader. Her experience as a public defender as well as her desire to develop others will serve her well in her new role leading the Macon Regional Office.”

Daniel has been with GLSP since 2002, where she primarily handles family law, housing, elder law, and family violence cases for low-income Georgians. She was promoted to Senior Staff Attorney in 2009 and became the Managing Attorney for the Macon Regional Office in 2017. Mrs. Daniel is a leader in our Domestic Violence

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practice and has conducted numerous trainings on Domestic Violence issues throughout the state, training legal advocates, attorneys, law enforcement officials and judges on the issues of domestic violence.

In 2020, Daniel was appointed by Governor Kemp to serve on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, where she was quickly appointed as the co-chair for their annual Domestic Violence Conference. She serves on the Georgia State Bar Disciplinary Board and the Access to Justice Committee for the State Bar. Tomieka served as the President of the Houston County Bar Association and is active in the Macon Bar Association and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

Daniel is a 1997 Honors Graduate from Clark Atlanta University and a 2002 Graduate from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law.

Waller joined GLSP in 2016 as a Staff Attorney in the Macon office and was promoted to Supervising Attorney in 2018. She began her legal career as a public defender out of law school in the Macon Judicial Circuit, serving Peach and Crawford Counties. Her extensive trial experience as a public defender has played an important role as a leading advocate for victims of domestic violence. In her new role she will be responsible for managing GLSP's services in 23 counties throughout central Georgia. She is a 2007 graduate from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law where she was a H.B. Williams Scholarship winner and a 2003 summa cum laude graduate of Florida Southern College. She is a member of the Macon Bar Association.

For headshot of Foster, Daniel and Waller, click [here](#).

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