

Ms. Didi Nelson, Special Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs/Law Enforcement Coordination Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta GA

Didi Nelson is the longest-serving Law Enforcement Coordination Manager in the Department of Justice. She has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia, for more than three decades. Didi is the only person to serve in this position in her District since its creation in 1986, and she is the sole Coordinator left from the original group of people hired to staff the then-newly created post. She has responsibility for coordinating federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and initiatives in the 46-county Northern District (more than 300 agencies). Under the current United States Attorney, her duties were expanded to include more responsibility in other areas of importance to the office, changing her title to Special Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs.

Ms. Nelson is an experienced law enforcement instructor and has trained on a variety of subjects, including Asset Forfeiture, Procedural Justice, Racial and Ethnic Profiling, the Federal Criminal Justice System, Drugs and Narcotics, Victim-Witness Issues, and topics related to major event planning (e.g., Diplomatic Immunity). She has trained more than 60,000 officers and agents in more than 30 states and has spoken for several national and statewide law enforcement organizations. Her training in Racial and Ethnic Profiling more than 20 years ago was recognized in the book *Profiles in Injustice*. Didi was a speaker at the 2009 World Summit on Counter-Terrorism on law enforcement coordination in the context of preventing terrorism. Didi has received numerous commendations for her work, including the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys' Director's Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Coordination, the "Georgia Woman in Public Safety," an outstanding achievement award by the Secretary of State of Georgia, and the 2017 Leadership in Human and Civil Rights Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Ms. Nelson is a certified Georgia Peace Officer and Certified Instructor. She previously served as a Sergeant with the Cobb County, Georgia Sheriff's Office, and served in the reserve unit for 12 years. Didi also worked as a paralegal in private practice (criminal defense and domestic relations). During that time, she served as a volunteer victim counselor and non-attorney legal advocate with the Cobb County YWCA Battered Women's Program. She has worked in the Criminal Justice Systems of Georgia for 46 years. In her spare time, Didi volunteers with a dog rescue organization, fostering hospice dogs and transporting rescue pups on their "freedom ride" out of animal shelters.