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DJJ COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES PORTER APPOINTED NEW BOARD MEMBER

(ATLANTA - GA) The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce the appointment of a newly named DJJ Board member by Governor Nathan Deal.

Commissioner L. Gale Buckner will confirm the appointment of veteran Georgia prosecutor Danny Porter, during the next regular DJJ Board meeting. "We are proud and honored Gwinnett County District Attorney Danny Porter will partner with us in our mission to move this agency closer to its goals," said Commissioner Buckner.

Danny Porter's distinguished courtroom career spans nearly thirty years. His role in Gwinnett County criminal prosecutions began immediately after graduation from the University of Georgia School of Law. Starting as a Trial Assistant with the District Attorney's Office in September 1981, only three years later he was promoted to Senior Assistant District Attorney.

While supervising trial attorneys as head of the Trial Division of the D.A.'s office, Porter took on additional duties as Drug Prosecutor and began organizing Gwinnett County's special drug prosecution unit. He was elected District Attorney in November 1992. Now, after nearly twenty years as D-A, reporters and supporters say Danny Porter still maintains his professional philosophy as a hands-on prosecutor, still shows up at local crime scenes, and still trains new recruits at the county police academy.

He's known in the courtroom for his high-profile prosecutions, from drug possession and capital murder to white-collar crime. And even though some of his cases have attracted national coverage on Court TV, D.A. Porter has continued to concentrate on local services for crime victims by expanding services like Gwinnett County's Victim-Witness Program.

D.A. Dannie Porter will represent the DJJ Board's 7th Congressional District, taking the seat recently vacated by former Board Member Bruce Garraway from Grayson. Commissioner Buckner expressed the agency's appreciation for Board Member Garraway's service to the Department of Juvenile Justice. The DJJ Board is composed of 15 members representing each Congressional District in the state. DJJ Board members are appointed by the Governor and provide leadership and guidance to the Commissioner in an advisory capacity to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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