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New GCC Commissioner - Nisha Williams

Nisha G. Williams is an attorney based in North Carolina with a background in family and criminal law. She earned her degree in history from Southern Adventist University and her Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central School of Law. Since 2009, she has operated her own practice, the Law Office of Nisha G. Williams.

In 2018, Nisha joined the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a staff attorney and currently serves as the organization's legal director. In this role, she provides statewide training and legal advocacy to support survivors of domestic violence. She also serves as special counsel with Indigent Defense Services, representing individuals in involuntary commitment proceedings.

Nisha was the defense attorney in *State v. Berish* (2018), a landmark North Carolina case that opened the door for restorative justice processes in violent felony cases before trial. She remains dedicated to improving legal access and outcomes for vulnerable populations, with a focus on domestic violence and juvenile justice reform.



GCC Appreciation Video

The Governor's Crime Commission provides federal grant funding to state, local government and non-profit subrecipients. This funding has a broad and meaningful impact across North Carolina. Some GCC subrecipients volunteered to share the depth of this impact to their organization and the citizens they serve.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

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County Violence Profiles

The North Carolina Office of Violence Prevention is excited to release county violence profiles for all 100 North Carolina counties. Profiles display community violence trends from health and criminal justice data in an easy-to-read summary factsheet. Violence prevention program staff, policymakers and advocates can now get a quick snapshot of the violence landscape in their area to aid in planning and implementation of local prevention efforts.

Explore the county profiles [here](#)

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