

Graham County Attorney's Office

Prosecutor Academy 2026

AGENDA

Day 1:

9:00: Welcome and Introduction

9:30: Graham County LEO's: Meet the Chiefs – Chief Biran Avila, Chief Glen Orr, Chief Diane Cauthen, Sheriff PJ Alred

11:30: Lunch (provided)

12:00: Ride Along / Tour of Agency Offices

4:00: Check into Hotel, down time:

5:30: GCAO hosted BBQ, meet and greet with GCAO staff.

Day 2:

9:00: Welcome / Introduction – Scott Bennett, County Attorney

9:15: The Life of a Prosecutor – Michelle Beus, Deputy County Attorney

10:00: Break

10:15: The Career Prosecutor – Rob Standange, Chief Criminal Deputy

11:15: Break

11:30: A View from the Bench – The Honorable Michael D. Peterson, Presiding Judge of the Graham County Superior Court

12:00: Lunch with Judge Peterson, Judge Ragland and JP

1:30: Courtroom Experience

2:30: Break

2:45: The Civil Side of Prosecution – Michelle Beus, Chief Civil Deputy

3:45: Break

4:00: Tips from the Pros: A discussion on law school, career and prosecution – Jeremy Waite and John Griffith

5:00: Conclude for the day

Day 3:

9:00: Staffing, the real day to day of a prosecutor – GCAO Attorneys (review pending cases and request input from academy attendees)

10:00: Specialty Courts – Judge Peterson and Scott Bennett

11:00: Reviewing a Case and Charging

11:30: Team Builder with GCAO Staff (lunch provided)

2:00: Shoot House / Live Ammo training

4:30: Prosecution, why we do it and concluding remarks – Scott Bennett, Graham County Attorney

5:00: Academy Concludes