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(Albany, Ga.) The Dougherty County District Attorney's Office would like to announce that after seven years of service, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Chris Cohilas, will be leaving the office to go into private practice with the Albany-based firm of Watson Spence LLP.

In his time with the District Attorney's office, Cohilas prosecuted every kind of crime imaginable. However, he is most widely known for his prosecution of crimes against women and children. For years Cohilas headed up a specialized unit dedicated to prosecuting pedophiles and rapists, achieving tremendous results for the citizens of Dougherty County.

District Attorney Greg Edwards says Cohilas has been a tremendous asset to the office and the community at large. "Chris is a hard-working and talented attorney, who takes his job very seriously. His hard work and commitment raised the office's conviction rate on cases involving crimes against children to nearly 100%. We will miss him and I wish him well as he embarks on his new career. Our loss is certainly Watson Spence's gain."

Cohilas will join Watson Spence as a senior associate in the litigation and trial practice group. "We welcome the addition of Chris to our litigation and trial practice group. I have come to know Chris' character, integrity and his passion for representing the interests of our State and the citizens of Dougherty County. He comes with well honed trial skills, judgment derived from years of practice, and a passion that will serve our clients well in the years ahead," said Faison Middleton, Managing Partner of Watson Spence.

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