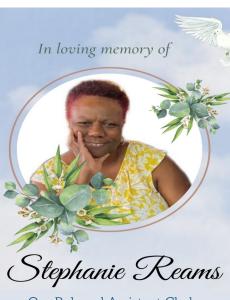
Durham County CLERK'S QUARTERLY

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Our Beloved Assistant Clerk 9/22/58 - 11/18/23



The Above and Beyond Award-Ann Nolan The Citizens First Award Nick Angelli Victoria McCollum Travis Williams

NEW!! JURY SERVICE PORTAL Request Excusal/Deferral Online

https://www.nccourts.gov/locations/ durham-county/durham-county-jury-service



Financial Hardship? You may qualify to file/appeal as indigent and avoid a filing fee. Request the forms to see if you qualify!



Stephanie Reams began working for the Durham County Clerk of Superior Court office as a deputy clerk in October 1980. She eventually became an Assistant where she mentored an trained countless deputies, assistants, and three Elected Clerks.

Stephanie graduated from Durham High School and American Business & Fashion Institute in Charlotte, before several jobs led her to work at the Clerk's office, until she retired on October 1, 2023. She was passionate about people, music, dancing, going to the beach, and her love for the Lord.

Stephanie's love of God was manifested in many ways. She exhibited an unwavering work ethic, kindness, and dedication to serving the public. She leaves to cherish her memories, her children Alexander and Alexandria, and a host of other family and loved ones. She will truly be missed by her Durham County Clerk's office family.



Live in Durham APRIL 29, 2024

Enterprise Justice Track 4 includes Alamance, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Vance, and Warren counties.

ATTORNEYS: Update your Address of Record with the court to be used for Rule 5 service . https://portal.ncbar.gov/

Available NOW!

Guide&File

Guide & File is a free online service. Electronic filing isn't available in Durham yet, but you may use this feature to fill in and print documents.

eCourts Portal and Guide and File **TRAINING** are available now for attorneys and judicial partners (including Hospital Filers, Guardian ad Litem, DSS, JSS, DV Victim Services, and Probation Officers).

To Register for Training



Durham Clerk of Superior Court Website

LOCAL RESOURCES

Durham Network of Care durham.nc.networkofcare.org

Legal Aid of NC DurhamHousingTeam@LegalAidNC.org or call 984-297-2016

Senior Law Project-Free legal help for 60 years of age or older 877-579-7562 Mon-Fri 9 am – 11 am, 1 pm – 3 pm

Rent/Utility funds & Property Tax Help: Social Services—919-560-8000 Mon-Fri 7:30 am -4 pm call for Appointment

Medical, Nutrition, Energy Assistance: 919-560-8192 epass.nc.gov

City Water Hardship Fund— 919-560-1200 www.durhamnc.gov/FormCenter/WM-CBS-Encrypted-39/Water-Hardship-335

El Centro Hispano—919-687-4635 elcentronc.org

elcentronc.org Salvation Army—919-688-7306 x 1

Second Mile Ministry-919-286-3596

Open Table Ministry—919-412-7011 215 N. Church St. www.opentableministry.org

Duke Memorial UMC Church — 919-683-3467 Call on 1st Monday

The Durham Family Justice Center Durham Crisis Response Center 101 E. Morgan St 984-201-7305

Homeless Prevention: Entry Point Durham 984-287-8313

Urban Ministries of Durham-919-682-0538

Durham Rescue Mission 919-688-9641

Mediation: Conflict Resolution Center www.crc-mediation.org



FEBRUARY is HEART HEALTH MONTH

When we take care of our hearts as part of our self-care, we set an example for others. Keep your heart healthy by staying active, getting adequate sleep, staying hydrated, and making time for yourself!



NOTICE of CHANGES TO INCOMPETENCY AND GUARDIANSHIP LAW

These statutory changes apply to ALL incompetency petitions filed under G.S. Chapter 35A on or after JANUARY 1, 2024.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS (NOR) must be personally served on Respondent and Guardian ad Litem (GAL) along with the Petition and Notice of Hearing pursuant to the amended G.S. 35A-1117. This NOR (Form AOC-SP-197) enumerates several rights regarding legal guardianship for adults.

GALs are required to explain the NOR as part of their representation of a respondent or ward, regardless of what stage in the proceeding they are appointed, pursuant to modified G.S. 35A-1107 and G.S. 35A-1217.

The new law also requires that the petitioner consider less restrictive alternatives before filing for Guardianship.

This is not an exhaustive list of changes. For more in-depth information please review these blogposts by the UNC School of Government: <u>https://www.sog.unc.edu/blogs/civil-side/sl-2023-124-</u> <u>changes-guardianship-statutes-notice-rights-and-details-</u> <u>upcoming-sog-resources</u>

https://civil.sog.unc.edu/change-is-coming-theconsideration-of-less-restrictive-alternatives-in-adultguardianship-proceedings-mandated-by-s-l-2023-124/



Deputy Clerks

Camryn Burns, Linda Lassiter, Tara Watkins, and Selene Hernandez District Criminal/Traffic: Roderick Bolden and Julian Aviles



Primary Election: March 5, 2024 SCAN for information on WHEN and HOW!

> Services for employees and household members

•In-the-moment counselor support: call 866-327-2400 24/7/365.

•Short-term counseling (three visits): Telephone and Virtual visits available

•Referrals & Community Resources: referrals to child / elder care, support groups, local community resources +

•Online articles and webinars: Visit <u>www.deeroakseap.com</u> Click the Member Login tab. Username and password : NCAOC





Tell Us How We're Doing

Our mission is to serve the public through professionally-trained, diverse, and customer-focused staff. We'd like to hear from you!



What did we do well? Where do we have opportunities to improve? Email Feedback to Durham.Clerk@Nccourts.org

Clerk's Birthdays

January Lorrine Sands George McQueen Jennifer Crain Swanita Fuller Malisa Hopkins Donna McIver

February

Maya Williams Maria Garcia-Lopez Phyllis Melton

March

Anthony Custis Cynthia Harris Nicole Conyers Debra Davies Colleen Mohsinger Aria Daugherty Janice Burgess

