



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.

Durham Clerk of Superior Court Website

SCAN or visit <https://dconc.gov/clerk-of-court>

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
www.legalaidnc.org/project/senior-law-project/

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

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



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>



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<https://portal.ncbar.gov/>

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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:

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/blogs/civil-side/sl-2023-124-changes-guardianship-statutes-notice-rights-and-details-upcoming-sog-resources>

<https://civil.sog.unc.edu/change-is-coming-the-consideration-of-less-restrictive-alternatives-in-adult-guardianship-proceedings-mandated-by-s-l-2023-124/>



Deputy Clerks

Civil:

Camryn Burns, Linda Lassiter,
Tara Watkins,
and Selene Hernandez

District Criminal/Traffic:
Roderick Bolden and Julian Aviles

Don't forget to **VOTE**

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 www.deeroakseap.com
 - Click the Member Login tab.
 - Username and password : NCAOC

WITHOUT BLACK INVENTORS YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THESE

PRODUCT	INVENTOR	DATE
ELEVATOR	ALEXANDER MILES	1867
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	THOMAS MARSHALL	1872
STETHOSCOPE	THOMAS A. CARRINGTON	1876
LIGHT BULB	LEWIS LATIMER	1882
IRONING BOARD	SARAH BOONE	1887
MAILBOX	PAUL L. DOWNING	1891
PENCIL SHARPENER	JOHN L. LOVE	1897
TRAFFIC LIGHTS	GARRETT MORGAN	1923
BLOOD PLASMA BAG	CHARLES DREW	1945
AIR CONDITIONING UNIT	FREDERICK M. JONES	1949



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January

- Lorraine 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

