Durham County CLERK'S QUARTERLY

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www.dconc.gov/county-departments/ departments-a-e/clerk-of-superior-court

LOCAL RESOURCES

Resource Directory: Durham Network of Care durham.nc.networkofcare.org

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

Rent and Utility funds: Social Services—919-560-8000 Mon-Fri 7:30 am -4 pm call for Appointment

Medical, Nutrition, Energy Assistance: 919-560-8191 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

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

Homeless Prevention: Urban Ministries of Durham-919-682-0538

Durham Rescue Mission 919-688-9641

Mediation: Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center www.crc-mediation.org 510 S. Dillard St. Suite 2000



eCourts is the package of software applications and technology improvements that will replace the aging network infrastructure with cloud-based applications. Although eCourts has many components, most members of the bar and the public will primarily engage with eFiling and Portal.

eCourts is Live in Lee, Harnett, Johnston, Wake, and Mecklenburg counties.

Twelve more counties (Track 3) will transition to eCourts on **February 5, 2024**:

Beaufort, Chowan, Currituck, Camden, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Martin, Pasquotank,

Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

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

We will begin implementation in early 2024.

Available NOW!

Guide&File

Guide & File is a free online service to help you prepare court documents for certain case types. Electronic filing is not currently available in Durham County, but you may use this feature to fill in and print these documents for filing.

Congratulations to Our Newest Assistant Clerks!

Debra Davies and

Irene Kerimah

Congratulations

Stephanie Reams on your retirement!

Thank you for 40+ years of service to the Durham CSC and the community

Shred & Destroy



Thank you to the Deputy and Assistant Clerks who worked on the weekends to identify files for destruction, and help to clear up the backlog in preparation for eCourts. We have cleared over 400 boxes!

We appreciate each clerk for your dedication to this project.

JOB WELL DONE!!

Circle of Excellence



CSC Certificates Corner:

The Above and Beyond Award-

Tonya Prince

In addition to our appreciation for Tonya's daily dedication and hard work as our Domestic Violence Clerk, she recently gained local media recognition for her tireless efforts to ensure the ends of justice!



Message from Clerk Thompson

As I approach the one year mark as your elected Clerk of Superior Court,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all that have supported me and the Clerk's office during this successful transition. We are receiving positive feedback as we continue to make improvements. As we anticipate the rollout of ecourts, we have begun sending groups of clerks to train in the pilot counties, to ensure that we are well-prepared. I am excited and optimistic about the future of court operations in Durham County! A special thanks to ours, the greatest Deputy and Assistant Clerks statewide, and to the courthouse leadership for welcoming me into the fold: Chief Public Defender, Dawn Baxton, District Attorney, Satana Deberry, Chief District Court Judge, Clayton Jones, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Michael O'foghludha, and Sheriff Clarence Birkhead. Together, we will continue to do great for the citizens of Durham!



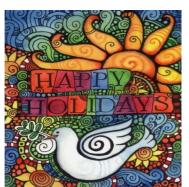


Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) a way to unite the nation in efforts to end domestic violence. During DVAM, victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence, celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change.

The Clerk's office will be CLOSED on November 10, 23 & 24, December 21 from 12 pm-2 pm, & December 25, 26, & 27, 2023







Tell Us How We're Doing

The mission of the Durham County CSC is to serve the public through professionallytrained, diverse, and customer-focused staff. If you have recently conducted business with the Clerk's Office, we'd like to hear from you!



Please take a moment to let us know what we did well as well as where we still have opportunities to improve.

email Durham.Clerk@Nccourts.org

Holiday Spirit Week

Monday, December 18-Friday, December 22

WINTER WONDERLAND

Monday, December 18-Wear BLUE and WHITE

HOLIDAY HEADGEAR

Tuesday, December 19-Holiday/elf hats, reindeer headbands, scarves, etc.

COZY Holiday

Wednesday, December 20-Wear Holiday socks

Holiday BINGO

Thursday, December 21-Play Holiday Bingo

UGLY SWEATER

Friday, December 22-Uqly Sweater Contest



Services for employees and household members

•In-the-moment telephone 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

Clerk's Birthdays

October

Miles Connor Chrystal Clayton Fred Hill Lamardo Davis Angela Rogers

November

Christa Gaston Jennifer Oakley

December

Kelli Dodson
Diane Hopkins
Lynn Vaughan
Aminah Thompson
Nick Angeli
David Evans

