

Clerk's Corner

Not only a Moment, but a Movement

Memphis has been in the national headlines a lot in the past few months, especially with the untimely death of Tyre Nichols. We are currently under a microscope and we know the nation is watching to see how react. We must demonstrate that we can be sensitive to the needs of Tyre's family, while respecting the legal process and one another. We have to do right by Memphis and band together as a community and fight for justice, not manifest mayhem and ultimately, heal. Trauma has caused harm to the entire Memphis and Shelby County community and therefore a countywide approach to healing is needed. We need to engage in honest dialogue, learn from diverse perspectives, embrace our difference, refrain from disseminating misinformation and commit to healing together, as a foundation to pursuing a racially, socially, and just outcome.



We know that when violence occurs, the ripple effect of trauma through a community feels more like a current. Across our city, trauma and violence are shattering lives every day. And deeply rooted trauma comes from more than violence; it comes from decades of disinvestment. We need to acknowledge that is sense of powerlessness in and of itself ins traumatizing and that its impact is huge, but the power of heling cannot be disregarded because healing also happens in our communities daily. It is though mothers, fathers, pastors, mentors, friends that the healing and progress are taking place. Let's work on healing together, for the betterment of our beloved county. Let's show the nation that we will work tighter, in this moment, to create a movement.

Working together ensures that every service, public servant, and policy supports healing of the community as a whole. Learning how to relate to and engage with each other from a trauma centered perspective can help us strengthen relationships and build community through our shared humanity and understanding. We can promote and create change and it can be done in a manner which will benefit the community.

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Meet the Judge

Jennifer Fitzgerald, Judge, Criminal Court Division II

Judge Jennifer Fitzgerald is a native Memphian. Prior to being elected, Judge Fitzgerald served as a criminal defense attorney for nearly 15 years. Judge Fitzgerald is a graduate of Kirby High School. In 2004, she earned a degree in Criminology *Cum Laude* from Arkansas State University. After completing her undergraduate degree, she returned to Memphis to study law at the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. After graduating from law school in 2007, she worked in private practice handling federal and state criminal cases. Also, Judge Fitzgerald worked as a contract attorney for the City of Memphis where she represented the City of Memphis in prosecuting traffic and code violations.

Judge Fitzgerald is currently a member of the National Bar Association, the Memphis Bar Association, and the Tennessee Bar Association. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served as Chair of the Delta Gems Mentoring Program and Social Action Co-Chair. Also, she volunteered as a mentor for Girls, Inc., Tn Achieves, Girls Scouts Heart of the South and the Shelby County Youth Court. She has raised thousands of dollars for St. Jude Children's Hospital as a St. Jude Hero. Judge Fitzgerald is a former Board Member of the Downtown Boys and Girls Club.

Judge Fitzgerald enjoys working out, running, mentoring, and listening to music.

On August 4, 2022, she was elected by the citizens of Shelby County for Judge in Criminal Court Division 2.



Day of Caring

Thank you, Mr. Michael Pope for inviting the Criminal Court Clerk's Office to participate in the MLK DAY of Service. The Criminal Court Clerk's Office shared information about the expungement process to those who attended the event.



National Wear Red Day

On February 3rd, 2023 the Criminal Court Clerk's Office joined the American Heart Association to raise awareness of heart health by wearing red.



National Wear Red Day
February 3rd, 2023



Go Red for the American Heart Association

Thanks to Clerk Heidi Kuhn & the Staff of the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office for helping to bring awareness to heart disease as a leading cause of death for Americans

Getting to Know...

Ms. Sara Helzerman began working with the Criminal Court Clerk's Office on October 3, 2022, as a Principal Court Clerk for the Bankruptcy Department.

She loves to laugh and have fun; cooking and playing board games with her family is something she enjoys. Sarah loves the outdoors where you will find her swimming, walking her dogs, and bike riding.

On her lazy days, she likes to binge watch shows, eat good food, and sleep. Sara is looking forward to watching her daughter grow into the young woman she desires to be.

