

### Clerk's Corner



## AN EXPUNGEMENT CELEBRATION

A criminal record has dire consequences for those who have one. Being officially branded as a "criminal" carries both formal sanctions, such as prison sentences or other penalties, and informal punishments, such as blocked access to employment and higher education opportunities, banking, and voting. Moreover, it tarnishes one's reputation. For these reasons I have been a proponent of second chances and expungements has always been a priority.

I am proud to announce that since becoming the Criminal Court Clerk in 2018 we have assisted with over 7000 expungements. It is often assumed that all of those expunged are male and 4,445 of those that we have expunged are male, however we have also expunged 2,555 women. I view expungements as not just assisting the person with the record, but helping their family, as well as the community, by increasing opportunities and reducing barriers.

On June 10, 2023 the Criminal Court Clerk's Office will host our 20<sup>th</sup> Expungement Clinic, which will not only check the eligibility of an expungement for individuals, but it will also educate and enroll individuals in the Clerk's Settlement Solution program to reduce and/or eliminate fines and fees, register to vote, enroll in the Drive While You Pay program, and possibly become hired on-site by vendors. These community expungement clinics have been incredibly successful, for we typically assist between 100 to 500 individuals per clinic.

The stories of those expunged are the reason why I am such a proponent of giving individuals a second chance and sometimes you never know the true impact this opportunity provides people. Most recently, I was made aware of how much it meant to an individual. A woman told me that at one of the expungement clinics she was crying, and she said that I noticed her and stopped talking to the people around me to put my arm around her and told her that it was going to be alright. On the day I saw her again, she told me I was right. She said I changed her life; I gave her hope and encouragement. She further communicated that she was recently hired by Shelby County Government, and I could not be happier for her. Her wonderful story confirms that second chances are critical and why I often say, "Just because you have a past doesn't mean you can't have a future."

### Contact Us

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

### Quick Links

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## 20th EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC



SHELBY COUNTY  
CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE  
**HEIDI KUHN  
CLERK**


**JUNE 10TH, 2023  
9AM - 1PM**

**MT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTWOOD**  
620 PARKROSE ROAD  
MEMPHIS, TN 38109

For more info call 901-504-9238 or visit our website @ [www.criminalcour clerkheidi.com](http://www.criminalcour clerkheidi.com)

### ON-SITE AGENCIES

- City of Memphis Drive While You Pay
- Olympic Career Training
- Memphis Area Transit Authority
- Shelby County Office of Re-Entry
- Maximus Child Support
- Federal Express
- First Student
- Hope Works
- NAACP



### Employee of the Quarter



SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER  
**KIMBERLY TANZY**

Congratulations to Mrs. Kimberly Tanzy for being named Shelby County's Employee of the Quarter. Much to her surprise, Mayor Lee Harris presented the award to her in front of her colleagues.

Congratulations Ms. Tanzy!

### Retirement Celebration

# HAPPY RETIREMENT

## REISEL SANDRIDGE

**32 YEARS**  
OF HARD WORK  
& DEDICATION



Congratulations to Riesel Sandridge on his retirement after working 32 years for the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office! Staff members honored and celebrated him by wearing black mustaches like his!

### Employee Spotlight



## Carolyn Williams

Carolyn Williams started her employment with Shelby County Government in 1988. She began working for the Criminal Court Clerk's Office in 2007 and her current position is Deputy Court Clerk in the customer service department.

Ms. Carolyn's favorite person is Tyler Perry because he is so talented and very accomplished. Her favorite type of music is R&B and Prince will always be her favorite singer. Some of her favorite past times include painting and traveling. Ms. Carolyn is looking forward to retiring and spending time with her family.

### Festival Dia del nino



# Festival

## Día del niño

Thank you, Shelby County Commissioner Charlie Caswell, for inviting the Criminal Court Clerk's Office to the Children's Day Festival (Festival Dia del nino) at Memphis International Flea Market.



### Featured Judge

## CARLYN ADDISON

Featured Judge



Judge Carlyn L. Addison grew up in both Birmingham, Alabama and Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated from Xavier University of New Orleans, where she majored in English & minored in Theology. She is a member of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court judges, the National Association of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, Master member of the Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court, Memphis Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, Joshua Learning Foundation Parent Board & a staunch supporter of the Herb Koster Foundation supporting those affected by Pancreatic Cancer in loving memory of her Mother-in-Love, State Representative Lois M. DeBerry.

Under the leadership of Bishop Charles H. M. Patterson, Sr., she faithfully attends Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. She is a member of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court judges, the National Association of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, Master member of the Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court, Memphis Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, Joshua Learning Foundation Parent Board & a staunch supporter of the Herb Koster Foundation supporting those affected by Pancreatic Cancer in loving memory of her Mother-in-Love, State Representative Lois M. DeBerry.

Since 2015, Judge Addison has been committed to our children and their families as a Memphis & Shelby County Juvenile Court Magistrate Judge. Each day, she presided over cases involving delinquency, truancy, foster care, child abuse, neglect, and co-parenting matters.

Duly elected on August 4, 2022, she is the presiding Judge of Criminal Court Division 5 which specializes in Intimate Partner Violence.