

TNWB CLERK'S OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Spring has arrived and, with it, comes news from the Clerk's office!

Welcome to our new Chief Deputy Clerk

Dawn Du Verney began as the Chief Deputy Clerk for the Western District of Tennessee in late December. Prior to this appointment, Dawn served as the Director of Hearings Operations for the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of Hearings Operations in Tupelo, Mississippi where she oversaw the administration of 3000+ disability appeals adjudicated by a team of seven Administrative Law Judges. For SSA, she also served as a Supervisory Attorney Advisor in the Charleston, WV Hearing Office, a location with one of the highest pending caseloads in Region III.

Dawn has held a diverse range of executive leadership and legal positions within corporate, academic, nonprofit, and government sectors, including a gubernatorial-appointment as Executive Director of the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, EEO and Ethics Officer for the New Jersey Department of State, Special Counsel to the New Jersey Secretary of State, Associate General Counsel, Assistant Deputy Public Defender, and Adjunct Professor at Temple University School of Law and Peirce College.

Dawn has served in many top leadership roles with the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Litigation, including Managing Director, Division Director, Communication co-chair for Strategic Planning, and currently, co-chair for the Task Force on Racial and Economic Justice. She was an ABA Presidential appointee to the Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service and the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP) for several years. She has supported the legal profession at the state level as New Jersey Supreme Court appointee to the Board of Bar Examiners as a bar exam grader for 12 years and as a member of the Fee Arbitration Panel, Civil Practice Committee, and Model Jury Charge Committee. She has a passion for public service and pro bono and looks forward to collaborating with the Memphis Bar on outreach programs.

Dawn earned a BS from American University, a JD from Seton Hall University, and a LL.M from Temple University.

Dawn and her husband Steven Wilkins have two adult sons. She was born in Trinidad, West Indies and emigrated to the United States as a young girl. Her favorite movies are *Cool Hand Luke* and *Talladega Nights*. Her favorite food is Roti (an East Indian dish made with curried meats). One bucket list item is visiting Italy which she will be fulfilling in June. Her hobbies are interior decorating on a budget for family and friends and event planning. Her guiding principle is "To whom much is given, much is expected; and to the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48).

Welcome, Dawn!

Retirement News

Did you hear??? Two great employees recently retired. We wanted to share their good news and wish them both a Happy Retirement! Their hard work and dedication will always be remembered.

Barta Johnson retired on 10-31-2021
Courtroom Deputy for Judge Latta
33 years of service to the Court

Jane Rowe retired on 11-30-2021
Case Administrator
22 years of service to the Court

PACER – What is it and who can use it?

PACER (which stands for Public Access to Court Electronic Records) is an online database which provides access to over a billion court documents filed in the federal court system. PACER is not only available to attorneys and court filers, but also to the general public. It can be used by parties represented by counsel and those who are not.

There is no charge to register for a PACER account; however, parties are charged a per page fee for accessing documents. Documents can be saved and/or printed.

When registering for a PACER account, you must select the appropriate “User Type” from the drop-down menu at the bottom of the registration page. For instance, if you are a party or member of the public, do not register for a Commercial Account, Government Account, or Individual Attorney Account. Rather, you need to select “Individual,” “Student,” or “Plaintiff, Defendant, or Debtor in a Case.”

The website for PACER is <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>

You can also find additional information about PACER on our website at <https://tnwb.uscourts.gov>

Adjustments to Dollar Amounts effective April 1st

Effective April 1, 2022, the dollar amounts stated in various provisions of Title 11 (aka the “Bankruptcy Code”) and one provision of Title 28 of the United States Code were adjusted for cases filed on or after that date. A chart showing the affected sections, with current and adjusted dollar amounts, can be found [here](#). The adjustments reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Revised forms that reflect these changes will be effective on April 1, 2022 and will apply to cases filed on or after that date. Pending changes in the Bankruptcy Forms can be found on <https://uscourts.gov>. Updated local forms will be posted to the court’s website on March 31, 2022.

Announcement

The Bankruptcy Section of the Memphis Bar Association invites you to join the portrait unveiling ceremony for Judge Paulette J. Delk and Judge George W. Emerson. The ceremony will be held at the Lichterman Nature Center on May 11, 2022, from 4:00-6:00, refreshments provided.

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