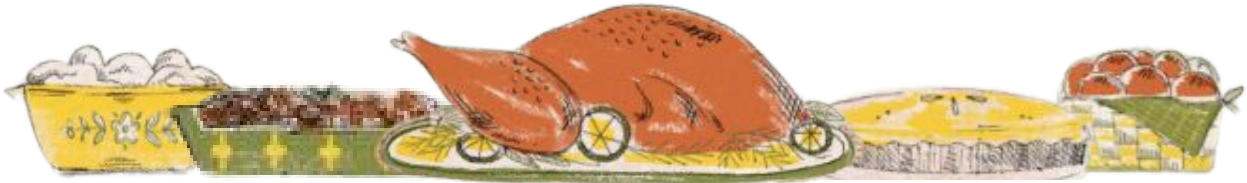


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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving from the Fourth Circuit Court Staff! As 2024 comes to an end, we are taking time to reflect on the many blessings that have come this year. Whether it's around the Thanksgiving table or in a moment to yourself, take time this week to reflect on what you're thankful for. Our staff is happy to share what makes us grateful this year:

**DAVID
MARTIN**

"I am thankful for such a wonderful group of people that I get to work with every day."

**BEKAH
HARALSON**

"I am thankful for the people in my life. Whether it is my wonderful roommates and best friends, my incredible family or my fantastic coworkers, I am grateful to have people who care for me and make me laugh."

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**DANA
BALLINGER**

"I am thankful for my close-knit expanding family, with all five of my children and all three grandchildren living within five miles of me. I give thanks to God for being able to enjoy this phase of parenthood and grandparenthood. I am also thankful for my extended family and in-laws, and I am particularly grateful to still have my fit and vibrant 92-year-old father actively in our lives."

**GREY
HOLLOWELL**

"I am thankful for my family, friends and health. I am also thankful that I have the opportunity to serve the families of Davidson County."

**KRISTEN
MENKE**

"I am thankful for a job I love, for amazing co-workers that make me laugh every day and for my wonderful family that makes it possible for me to be here to do this work."

**RONNELL
GRIFFIN**

"I am thankful for God's grace over my life, the precious memories being created during this season of my life, my wonderful family and them being nearby, and my phenomenal work family."

**JONATHON
GROSS**

"I am thankful for my incredible wife, loving and smart kids, and good friends. Everyday is a gift and I enjoy all the simple pleasures it brings."

**JAMES
FIELDS**

"I am thankful for good health and sound mind as well as my immediate and work family. I pray God continues to protect and watch over us all as we approach this holiday season."

JUDGE WILLAIMS

"I am thankful for my faith, health, family, and friends; all of which allow me to live my life in the most meaningful and fulfilling way.

Additionally, it is an absolute joy and honor to serve as the Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court. My role in our family court system is a blessing to me, and I am eternally thankful for those who saw the promise in me to be the Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court and entrusted me with our most precious resources: our families and children. Thank you!

Last, but certainly not least, I am truly thankful for the incredible staff of the Fourth Circuit Court. I am blessed to work with such talented individuals who care as deeply about our families as I do. They show up every day ready and excited to serve, putting their best foot forward and going the extra mile. I could not ask for more.”

FOURTH CIRCUIT CLE IS FULL

Thank you all for your excitement and interest in our upcoming CLE! This event is now FULL. If you still wish to attend this event, here are some ways to do so:

- **You may be placed on the waiting list.** Register for the event as an in-person attendee and you will receive an email confirming your placement on the list. If there are last-minute cancellations, we will inform you of your ability to attend; otherwise, we will send a link for you to participate via Zoom.
- **You may register to attend this event via Zoom.**
- **After the event, a link will be provided to view a recording online asynchronously.**
- While the virtual and asynchronous options cannot offer CLE credit due to technicalities beyond our control, they offer the same information regarding the new Fourth Circuit Court.

Please register for the event and indicate the option you prefer by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code below:



Additionally, there will be an allotted 30-minute lunch time. Those attending in person may order and pay for an optional catered boxed lunch from Apple Spice [here](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



For more information on this event, you may view the flyer [here](#).



CHAMBER RULES AND REMINDERS

We are still working on finalizing our Court's Chamber Rules which will be released on December 4, 2024. In the meantime, please refer to prior newsletters to familiarize yourself with changes to various processes and procedures we've already implemented. They may be viewed on the Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk's website under the tab for Judge Stephanie J. Williams's Chamber Rules or by clicking on the following link:

<https://circuitclerk.nashville.gov/judge-stephanie-j-williams-memorandums-and-rules/>

As a reminder, when filing emergency requests or petitions in the Circuit Court Clerk's office, *please email a courtesy copy to ronnellgriffin@jnsnashville.gov by 2:30 p.m. to ensure same day review and processing.* This is because the filing reaches chambers after it is processed by the Clerk's office, and we have no control over the time frame for that. We can only enter an order and process the same AFTER the filing has been processed in the Clerk's office and sent to chambers.

HOLIDAY PARENTING TIME MOTIONS

Please note: the deadline to submit parenting time motions to address the winter break holiday is **next Friday, December 6. Please submit those accordingly.**

CALENDAR

Check out the list below for important Court dates from now until January:

November 28 & 29: Court closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					6	
	9					
	16		18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31	1			

December 6: Deadline to file parenting time motions to address winter break holidays.

December 9: Adoption Docket.

December 16: Last Adoption Docket of the year.

December 18: Fourth Circuit Court CLE.

December 19: Last ID, Default, and Show Cause Docket of the year.

December 20: Last Motion Docket of the year.

December 23--January 1: Court closed for the holidays.

JANUARY

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January 1: Court Closed for New Year's Day holiday.

January 2: Office open, no dockets.

January 3: First Motion Docket of 2025.

January 16: No Show Cause Docket.

January 20: Court closed for MLK Holiday.

January 30: No Show Cause Docket.

January 31: No Motion Docket.

RULE 40A, MEDIATOR, AND INDIGENT APPOINTMENT

There are many cases our Court hears that require a Guardian Ad Litem, mediator, or representation for indigent litigants. If you would like to be added to our list of attorneys that we may appoint as one of these roles, please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m1VG7QhbJk2lwrxLwbAIY1wValPmuY5GpPGboN9tDwRUNzZURjg5Rk9PUUxMNDZZTU9MOTBXUU9LUI4u>

Your willingness to be added to this list is greatly appreciated!

SHARE

Our Updates and Announcements are for everyone. Please feel free to share with your staff, clients, and anyone else who may have an interest. Anyone who would like to be added to the email list may contact Bekah Haralson at: RebekahLHaralson@jnsnashville.gov. Should you have any questions regarding anything contained in this memorandum or any matters of the Court, please feel free to contact us at 615-862-5910 and stay tuned for more updates.

Have a great week!
Judge Williams and the Fourth Circuit Court Staff