

Clerks of the Appellate & Trial Courts

COURT CLERKS ensure the efficient operation of state courts by maintaining dockets and records, handling administrative matters and serving as goodwill ambassadors to the public.

The clerk of the appellate courts is appointed by the Supreme Court for a six-year term and is based in Nashville, the Middle Division. The appellate court clerk oversees the chief deputies and deputy clerks, who serve each grand division.

Circuit Court clerks, elected in each county for four-year terms, also serve as General Sessions Court clerks in counties without designated General Sessions Court clerks. Clerks also are elected in counties with Probate and Criminal Courts. Each Chancery Court is served by a clerk and master, who is appointed by the Chancery Court judge for a six-year term.

Appellate Court Clerk
 Mike Catalano
 Susan Turner, Chief Deputy Clerk, Western Division
 Janice Rawls, Chief Deputy Clerk, Middle Division
 Joann Newsome, Chief Deputy Clerk, Eastern Division

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