

Office of the Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts Honorable Cathelene "Tina" Robinson

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MEDIA ALERT

CLERK OF SUPERIOR & MAGISTRATE COURTS ISSUES RESPONSE TO MAGISTRATE COURT LAWSUITS CLAIMS

FULTON - Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts, Cathelene "Tina" Robinson (Atlanta Judicial Circuit), issues a statement in response to a lawsuit filed against her by Chief Magistrate, Cassandra Kirk claiming that she is not performing the duties she agreed to when she took over Magistrate Court.

Robinson states, "It has always been of the utmost importance for me to do what is in the best interests of the Court, its users and the staff, and that is what I will continue to do. While I am deeply disappointed by the position that my colleague and I have found ourselves in and am saddened by the irrational course of action that she has taken to find us here, I shall remain focused on making Magistrate Court operate as effective and efficient as it has since I accepted the invitation to become its Clerk in 2016.

Vast and undoubtedly, noticeable improvements have been made since that time and I am proud of the work that the Clerk's office staff and I have done-which is why I must remain zealous in my effort to do what is right by both the citizens and the employees and not just one individual.

As an experienced elected Clerk for many years, I understand the critical need to develop and foster positive working relationships with my peers and I have been successful at doing just that; however, I also understand that as an elected official, I

cannot and will not act under the unreasonable demands of one person, especially when their vision does not align with what is best for all stakeholders. Again, I am extremely saddened, as this is a black eye for the Court, the County and the citizens that we were elected to serve; however, I have solace in knowing that I have gone above and beyond in effort to mitigate the escalation of this entire ordeal. I believe there is much more than what's on the surface."

In 2016, Robinson was presented with an option to serve as the Clerk of Magistrate Court which would work in conjunction with her role as Clerk of the Superior Courts. Since her appointment, Robinson's office has eliminated a 30,000 case backlog, initiated e-filing and developed a state of the art Magistrate Court Clerk's office that includes an enhanced customer helpdesk service center.

Downtown Location

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