

Employees of the Vermilion Municipal Court

When I was elected I was fortunate to inherit a veteran staff who have helped to make the transition easier. In fact, our employees have a combined total of over 110 years of service to the Vermilion Municipal Court. I thought that it would be interesting to provide some background information about our staff.

As you enter the doors of the Vermilion Municipal Court you will be greeted by a Security Officer.

They are here to ensure the security of The Court, visitors and employees and maintain the integrity and a safe environment for all those receiving the services of the Court

Norman Hendrickson has been with the Court since 2006. His position is part-time. Prior to joining the Court staff Norm was a Lieutenant on the Vermilion Police Department. Norm retired after 25 years of service. He graduated from Cathedral Latin School and received his Associate Degree in Police Science from Lorain County Community College.

Norm is married to his wife Germaine of 36 years and has two grown children and five grandchildren. Germaine recently retired as a teacher from the Firelands Local Schools.

Norm enjoys golf, computers, gardening, traveling along with his favorite teams "The Browns and Indians"

C. Michael Levelle joined us in April of 2009. As well as being the newest employee his position is also part-time. Mike is currently the Pastor of The First Assembly of God Church of Vermilion and Commanded 53rd MP Bde. Ohio Military Reserve. Mike received a degree in Social Work from Glenville State College and his Bachelors of Science from West Virginia State University. He has also received training in advanced critical incident training and rapid response team training.

Mike is married to his wife Linda and together they have four children along with three grandchildren and a fourth on the way. Mike's interests include gardening, reading, weight lifting, running and kayaking.

Richard Baker has been a Bailiff for 9 ½ years. Another part-time position, the duties of the Bailiff are many but include the service of official court documents. He also has the difficult duty of supervising evictions. When court is in session he is the "runner". He has the defendants sign paperwork and then escort them to the lobby. During civil hearings he will escort both parties to the Judge's chambers for their hearing. Many may know Dick from his ownership of the former Dick Baker Dodge Dealership located in Vermilion, the site of the library's recently completed addition. Dick is married to his wife Pat. He has three children and six grandchildren.

Randy Strickland has been our probation officer for five years. Again this is a part-time position. The Court assesses costs for defendants on probation which are utilized to fund this position. His duties

include supervising probationers and making sure they comply with court orders. Randy graduated from Stuart High School in Louisville, Kentucky. He completed USAF Basic Training, USAF Security Police School and the Kentucky State Law Enforcement Academy along with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Randy is a retired Ohio State Highway Patrol officer.

Tamara Horton began working for the court 25 years ago as a Deputy Clerk. She was appointed Clerk of Court in 2005. The duties of the Clerk are to maintain court records, dockets and indexes of all court cases. She prepares the monthly Supreme Court report and monthly disbursement report. She also supervises the activities of the Deputy Clerks.

Tami is a lifelong resident of Vermilion and graduated from Vermilion High School and attended LCCC. Prior to working for the Court she was the office manager of the Vermilion License Bureau.

Tami is married to her husband Kirk who is a Vermilion Fireman and together they have a son, Kristopher who is attending Heidelberg University. Tami enjoys spending time with family, traveling, photography and crafting.

Michelle Fiegilist has worked with the court since 2001. Michelle has dual job responsibilities. She is a Bailiff and our Chief Deputy Clerk. She is responsible for all traffic and criminal payments, review hearings, record retention, collections of unpaid fine and costs, court hearings and recordings along with legal research.

Michelle graduated from Normandy High School and completed some college Para-legal courses.

Prior to working at the court she worked for Attorney Elizabeth Wakefield for 10 years, various car dealerships in the parts departments, Harbor Store as a clerk/consultant and S.S. Kresge Company as an office cashier. Michelle is the Consistory secretary for E & R Church, former parks board member, former treasurer for Vermilion Education Foundation and former treasurer for the Old School House.

Michelle has been married to her husband Greg for 34 years and has two grown children and three grandchildren. They enjoy sailing, kayaking, reading and spending time with their grandchildren.

Elizabeth Henderson has been a Deputy Clerk since 1988. She handles the numbering and entering of all cases. She has the duty of handling the paperwork for expungements, bind-over cases, dockets, Bureau of Motor Vehicle and Bureau of Criminal Investigation reports.

Liz is a lifelong resident of Vermilion and graduated from Vermilion High School. Prior to working at the Court, Liz worked at Ed Mullinax Ford.

Liz is married to her husband Dave and together they have three children, a daughter-in-law and two granddaughters.

Candace McDoniel has been our Civil Deputy Clerk since 1992. She processes all filings for civil and small claim cases including garnishments, evictions, motions and debtor exams.

Candy graduated from Admiral King High School and attended LCCC.

Prior to working at the Court, Candy worked at Lorain Community Hospital for 11 years, Lakeland Pediatrics for 8 years and for 5 years for Attorneys Ryan and Brown.

She is married to her husband Larry. She has a daughter, three step-children and sixteen grandchildren.

Stephanie Lukovics has been a Deputy Clerk since 1995. Stephanie is responsible for preparing and finalizing court dockets for traffic and criminal cases, scheduling of all traffic and criminal cases and parking tickets.

Stephanie graduated from Lorain Catholic High School and received an associate degree from Lorain County Community College. Stephanie previously worked in television production at several cable television stations and in retail. Stephanie has two dogs and enjoys walking, working out and following all Cleveland sports teams.

The Vermilion Municipal Court is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Court sessions are held all day Tuesday and Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm. The Clerk's office is open all week and is available to accept payments and filings. The Deputy Clerks along with their regular duties handle all phone calls and work counter as needed. Our employees are very helpful and knowledgeable due to their many years of experience of the court procedures. If we can help you in anyway please contact the Court at 440 204-2430 or visit our website at www.vermilionmunicipalcourt.org