

Ashley Greer Shambley, esq.

Ashley Greer Shambley is a wife, mother, union leader, and lifelong advocate for justice, equity, and dignity. With over 13 years of experience in the Cook County Public Defender's Office, she currently serves in the highly specialized Multiple Defendant Unit, where she represents clients charged with the most complex and serious offenses, including homicides. Known for her meticulous trial work, Ashley has tried over 100 cases and has cross-examined expert witnesses in DNA, ballistics, and fingerprint analysis.

Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago by her grandmother and aunts, Ashley became the first in her family to graduate from college, law school, and become a lawyer. She earned her undergraduate degree from Howard University and her law degree from DePaul University College of Law. Her story reflects the experiences of countless working families, and she carries that lived understanding into every space she enters.

Ashley is a proud union board member of AFSCME Local 3315, advocating for the rights of public defenders and working people. She also serves on the ARDC Hearing Board, helping to uphold the integrity of the legal profession. Her commitment to justice extends beyond the courtroom—she's taught Know Your Rights workshops, participated in expungement and clemency resource fairs, and is a board member of Imagine Englewood If and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Ashley is also an active member of the Cook County Bar Association, the Black Women Lawyers' Association, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In every space she enters, she brings a deep commitment to fairness, community empowerment, and integrity.

Now running for judge in the First Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County, Ashley is ready to serve with the same compassion, clarity, and courage that has defined her legal career. She believes that people are more than their worst decisions and that our justice system should not only hold people accountable—but also offer the possibility of restoration.

Her campaign is rooted in a simple but powerful belief: that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and humanity. Ashley's guiding vision is clear—a justice system that strengthens and restores communities.