



Judge Sheree Desiree Henry

Sheree Desiree Henry was raised in the Englewood neighborhood where she lived with her mother and two siblings. She has always been moved to serve her community. While she attended Hyde Park Career Academy, she was a member of the Chicago Police Explorer's program learning about what it takes to be a great public servant. After graduation, she attended Bradley University in Peoria and simultaneously joined the Illinois Army National Guard, continuing her passion to serve. While in the Army National Guard for 8 years, she became a Finance Specialist with the rank of SPC4. She also became a rifle and grenade marksman. She graduated from Bradley with a B.S. in Business Management and determined that law school would be her next step to create a career of service. As her mother would always say, "To Whom Much is Given, Much is Required".

After receiving her law degree from Northern Illinois University, she worked at a civil rights firm for 4 months. She then became an Assistant Public Guardian and worked tirelessly to represent abused and neglected children. She joined the Cook County Public Defender's Office a few years later where she represented those charged with criminal offenses. Her role as an Assistant Public Defender allowed her to represent all the individuals in the Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veteran Court Programs in the Markham Courthouse. These programs provided sobriety, health and life coping skills to prevent individuals from returning into the criminal justice system.

Sheree Desiree Henry has devoted her entire career to being the voice for the voiceless in and out of the courtroom. She has volunteered at food pantries and hosted expungement seminars. Sheree Desiree Henry is an active member of the Homewood Veteran Committee, Democratic Women of South Suburbs, and Trinity United Church of Christ. She frequently speaks at churches, park districts, and schools explaining how the criminal justice system works.

Her husband, Jeffrey T. Henry shares her drive for serving others, as he is an Assistant Cook County Public Defender. They have two children and are a family committed to public service.

On August 2, 2019, she was sworn in as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge to fill the vacancy of the Honorable Joyce Marie Murphy Gorman. She is now running for that vacancy. She spent her career fighting for equal justice for all and as a judge she ensures justice. Please vote for Judge Sheree Desiree Henry on March 17, 2020.