

# SUMNER COUNTY TENNESSEE

## CHANCERY COURT CLERK

Sumner County Chancellor, Louis W. Oliver, III, was elected to an eight year term by the citizens of Sumner County in 2014.

The Chancery Court was established by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. The Chancery Court has original jurisdiction over certain matters, as assigned to it by the legislature, some of them exclusively, others concurrently with the Circuit Court. The types of cases handled by the Chancery Court include: Divorce, Adoption, Paternity, Legitimation, Surrender, Child Support, Conservatorships, Guardianships, Probate, Real Estate Matters, Partition Suite, Name Change, Contract/Debt, Specific Performance, Trusts, Contempt, Minor Settlements, and Foreign Judgments.

The Chancery Court also collects delinquent property taxes for the County and the cities of Hendersonville, Gallatin, Portland, Westmoreland, White House, and the Sumner County portion of Goodlettsville.

The Clerk and Master is Mark T. Smith. He was appointed by the Chancellor on July 11, 2016 for a six-year term pursuant to the state constitution. The Clerk and Master is the principal administrative aide to the Chancery Court, providing assistance in the areas of courtroom administration and records management, docket maintenance, revenue management, maintenance of court minutes, official communication, and various other court-associated duties.

### Please Note:

*The clerks are not permitted to provide you with legal advice, which includes not being able to tell you what forms to file, how to fill them out, or how to proceed with your case. If you have these types of questions, please consult with an attorney, or utilize the free legal services listed on our site.*

We recommend that you retain the services of an attorney. The same rules of court apply to a case whether it is filed by an attorney or by a person without legal training.

We will accept any documents that you have prepared for filing, along with the appropriate filing fee, if required. Our accepting of documents does not imply that they are the correct form or that they are filled out properly. It is extremely important that self-represented litigants read carefully and understand the pleadings that they are filing before filing anything with the court.

Due to the security measures in the Judicial Building, no purses or bags of any kind are allowed inside the building. You will not be permitted to pass through security with any type of purse or bag. You are welcome to bring your wallet and paperwork. Cell phones are also prohibited.