

Probate Court Staff

Judge Frank R. Addy, Jr. was born in Greenwood County, South Carolina on November 5, 1967. He is the son of Mary Katherine Addy, a retired teacher, and the late F. Robert Addy, Sr., who co-owned Frank Addy Jewelers with Frank L. and Mary Lou Addy, Judge Addy's grandparents. Judge Addy is married to Kelly Sprouse Addy.



Judge Addy received his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from the University of South Carolina (cum laude, *Phi Beta Kappa*) in 1990. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993 and was admitted to the SC Bar November 15, 1993. During his law school attendance he served as an editor on the Student Editorial Board of the ABA Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal, 1992-93, Int'l. Law Society (President), 1992, Int'l. Moot Court Team, 1992-93, and the Palmetto Law Society, 1991-93.

Judge Addy began his legal career as a Deputy Solicitor for the Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office from 1993-97. He entered private practice from 1997-98 and served as Chief Public Defender for Greenwood and Abbeville Counties from 1998-99. Judge Addy was appointed Greenwood County Probate Judge on June 3, 1999. He has subsequently been reelected without opposition.

He currently is or has been a member of several civic and professional associations: Legislative Committee, Mental Health Committee, Chairman, Uniformity Committee, and Chairman, Probate Judge's Advisory Committee to the Chief Justice, 2001-2003. He was elected President of the South Carolina Association of Probate Judges for the 2005-2006 term. Judge Addy is also the recipient of the 2003 IAAP Executive of the Year Award.

Judge Addy is a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church and Greenwood Masonic Lodge #91. Judge Addy has served on the Greenwood County Easter Seals Board, coached the Greenwood High Moot Court Team, served as a Mentor for Greenwood County School District 50, and served on Greenwood County Governor's Youth Council. He is presently a den leader for Cub Scout Troop 222 and coaches the Ware Shoals High School Moot Court Team.

Judge Addy oversees the administration of estates, approves marriage applications, and conducts commitment hearings for chemically dependent

persons and for mentally incapacitated persons. Additionally, the Judge oversees administration of conservatorships accounts and guardianships for minors and incapacitated adults, and he hears all contested or uncontested cases within the court's jurisdiction.

Judge Addy is willing to assist anyone during the most difficult periods in their life - be it the loss of a loved one, assistance with the affairs of an incapacitated adult, or finding help for someone with a drug or alcohol problem. Judge Addy and the rest of the staff of the Greenwood Probate Court stand ready to help the public in any way possible with a dedication to compassion, sympathy, and professionalism.

Estate Supervisors

Work directly with families and attorneys to facilitate the handling of a deceased individual's estate. Estate Supervisors assist Personal Representatives with the necessary documents to protect and administer the estate. Estate Supervisors also work with families when Conservatorships and Guardianships are involved. South Carolina Probate Statutes stipulate the process and the Estate Supervisor ensures the legal requirements are satisfied.

Janice S. Gentry

Estate Supervisor 864-942-8623

Has been employed by Greenwood County for 24 years with 21 of those years serving the community through the Probate Court. She is responsible for assisting families with last names beginning A - L. She is a lifelong resident of Greenwood County and is married to Robert Gentry.

Wendy A. Williams

Estate Supervisor 864-942-8624

Joined the Court in March 1993. She is responsible for assisting families with last names beginning M - Z. She is also a lifelong Greenwood County resident active in several community organizations.

Sherlyn N. Lindley CPS

Administrative Assistant 864-942-8625

Her responsibilities include greeting visitors, directing them to the proper personnel or assisting them personally, and answering incoming calls. She issues marriage licenses and performs wedding ceremonies for the court. Working closely with attorneys' offices, she schedules hearings and receives the pleadings necessary for these hearings. Sherlyn has sufficient knowledge of the court's various functions to be able to assist the public when the person responsible for a particular area is unavailable.

Kim L. Russell

Administrative Assistant 864-942-8622

Kim Russell is responsible for the area of Mental Health, including substance abuse. Often she meets with family members to explain the options available to them in assisting loved ones with a crisis. Additionally Ms. Russell handles guardianships (adult only) and conservatorships (adult and minor) and minor settlements. Office Manager responsibilities including budget preparation, ordering of supplies and payroll are other aspects of her job description. Finally, Ms. Russell assists the Judge as required.