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Commissioner Massiah Launches Free Legal Clinic to Help District 3 Families and DeKalb County Residents

DECATUR, Ga. — DeKalb County District 3 Commissioner Nicole Massiah is putting her commitment to public service into action with the launch of the DeKalb Legal Clinic, a new initiative providing free legal consultations to District 3 families and residents throughout DeKalb County.

The clinic, an initiative of Massiah in partnership with DeKalb County Superior Court, the Family Law Information Center and the DeKalb County Law Library, will connect residents with qualified volunteer attorneys who can help with civil legal matters, including divorce, name changes, temporary protective orders and general civil disputes.

“As an attorney and a public servant, I've seen how overwhelming the legal system can be, especially for families who cannot afford to hire an attorney,” Massiah said. “There are people right here in District 3 who are dealing with difficult family and legal situations and simply don't know where to turn. This clinic gives them a place to start.” Massiah, who is also a practicing attorney and real estate broker, said the initiative reflects her commitment to addressing the everyday challenges facing District 3 residents, particularly those involving housing stability, family well-being and access to essential services.

“When a family is dealing with a legal issue involving their home, their finances or their personal safety, having access to reliable information can make a real difference,” Massiah said. “You shouldn't have to face a difficult legal situation alone simply because you cannot afford an attorney.” The DeKalb Legal Clinic will offer free, limited-scope legal consultations designed to help residents better understand their legal situations, available options, and potential next steps. The consultations provide brief legal advice rather than ongoing representation.

Appointments are limited, and submitting a request does not guarantee an appointment. Massiah said the clinic is another way to connect residents with resources that can improve their quality of life. “My priorities for District 3 are housing, economic opportunity, and more connected communities,” Massiah said. “That means making sure people have access to the information and services they need, especially during some of the most difficult moments in their lives.”

The clinic will also help residents better navigate the court system while strengthening partnerships between legal professionals and the communities they serve.

DEKALB LEGAL CLINIC INFORMATION

Ribbon Cutting: Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Monthly Clinics: Fourth Friday of each month

Location: DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 N. McDonough St., Room 400, Decatur, GA 30030

Cost: Free to the public

Services: Limited-scope legal consultations for general civil matters, including divorce, name changes, and temporary protective orders.

For more information, contact Commissioner Nicole Massiah's office at 404-371-2425 or send an email to district3@dekalbcountyga.gov.

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