



Tina Mason Retires After 24 Years of Service

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As Tina enters retirement after an extraordinary 34 years of service, her career invites a moment of heartfelt reflection. What began with a USF degree and early experience as a paralegal grew into a lifelong commitment to the Court, starting on October 7, 1991, when she joined our Court family as a Chapter 7 Case Manager. From her earliest days, Tina brought a calm steadiness, a generous spirit, and a natural ability to support those around her. Her progression, from Team Leader in 2000 to Supervisor in 2003, and eventually to Deputy-in-Charge in 2019, was a reflection not just of her skill, but of the trust and admiration she earned along the way. When she became the Deputy-in-Charge of the Tampa Division, it felt like the culmination of decades of quiet leadership and unwavering dedication. Her retirement on December 31, 2025, marks the close of a remarkable chapter defined by kindness, integrity, and a deep love for the work and people who shaped her journey.

Looking back, Tina's legacy is woven into the very fabric of the Court. She was not only a mentor, guiding case managers and new supervisors, but also a collaborator whose fingerprints can be found on district-wide initiatives that strengthened the Court for years to come. Her work on the Procedures Review Committee helped create the District-Wide Procedures Manual, and her contributions to the Work Distribution Committee, Off-Site Retreat Committee, and Procedure Drafting Committee showcased her ability to bring people together with patience and positivity. She played key roles in merging judge teams, implementing district-wide

docketing, and advancing the CM/ECF NextGen project, always with the same polite, steady demeanor that made her so deeply respected. More than her accomplishments, though, Tina will be remembered for the way she made others feel valued and supported. As she begins this new chapter, she leaves behind a legacy of compassion, teamwork, and quiet leadership that will continue to shape the Tampa Division long after her well-earned retirement.

Tina, your dedication, grace, and genuine care for others have left a lasting imprint on all of us. Thank you for everything you've given to this Court and to the people who were lucky enough to work with you. Wishing you a beautiful and fulfilling retirement.