

BUSY DA SUPERVISION OFFICE RUNS SMOOTHLY WITH CEARLEY AT HELM

SUPERVISION OFFICE ALSO ENCOMPASSES BOGUS CHECK & RESTITUTION DIVISIONS



Every week hundreds of defendants who have been sentenced to post-conviction Supervision make their way through the DA's Supervision Office, keeping Cearley and her staff on their toes.

Since joining the DA's office in 2014, Holly Cearley has had her hands full. As the Director of the DA Supervision Division, she oversees a staff of 14 who also handles the administration of Bogus Check prosecutions, Restitution, Collection of 991 fees as well as the implementation of the DA Supervision program. At present over 7000 defendants are on the program, which means her employees rarely experience a slow period. Since the Supervision office is also located near the main entrance on the first floor of the Tulsa County Courthouse, her staff also doubles as unofficial information providers, helping just about anyone who may wander in with general courthouse questions. "This is a busy place," she says. "But it's so much better than when we were located across the street."

Cearley's background as an office manager and supervisor in several different fields prepared her well for the challenges she faces daily. "Most of the defendants I come in contact with are just ordinary people. Some of them made bad choices and now they want to make amends, and go forward on the path to healing. This is very rewarding work."

"My favorite part of the job is seeing people succeed. Whether it's an employee who is taking on new challenges and doing well, or it's a defendant who has worked hard to turn his or her life around...it's gratifying to be part of it all." --DA Supervision Director Holly Cearley