

Mark A. Dupree, Sr.



**Wyandotte County District Attorney * Pastor * Holistic Justice Advocate *
Speaker * Father of 4 * Husband**

WHO IS MARK DUPREE?

Mark has never accepted no for an answer, and has fought for **justice** his entire life. Dupree remembers seeing a dead body in the street at the age of 8 years old, and no one seemed to care. This experience lit a flame.

Known as the "**preacher man**" Mark prayed for the community that he loved and a community that loved him back. He recalls spending many hours in church and learning to listen and love people regardless of their past. He is a proud believer of Christ and his faith in Christ has guided him.

At the age of 14, The flame was further fanned by Mark's exposure to the late Judge Cordell Meeks, Jr., the first Black lawyer and judge to ever cross his path. Because of this exposure to Judge Meeks, Mark became focused on entering the legal field to help people receive justice, like the man he saw laying in the street at 8 years old.

Mark was told to not run for **District Attorney**, they said it wasn't his time yet and he needed to wait his turn. He ignored this advice and beat a 12 year incumbent.

Once in office, he focused on **smart and holistic prosecution** - not just locking people up. He has supported or helped to create the Behavioral Health Court, Drug Court, and Veteran's Court. The Wyandotte District Attorney's office has expanded its diversion program and holds annual expungement fairs which gives those who have served their prison sentence a renewed chance to life and work without a criminal record.

Mark is proud of his office's work on behalf of victims, and has created a Victims Liaison Board to hear directly from victims to improve resident's experience in the criminal justice system.

D.A. Dupree **fought** alongside the community to bring a public defender's office to Wyandotte County and won. He is proud to have the most **racially diverse** and **progressive** district attorney's office in the state of Kansas.

MARK DUPREE BIOGRAPHY

Mark A. Dupree, Sr. is the **District Attorney of Wyandotte County** the 4th largest county in the state of Kansas. Mr. Dupree leads an office of over 60 employees and manages a significant fiscal budget.

Since taking office in 2017, Mr. Dupree's administration has focused on equitably charging and prosecuting crime, being proactive, attacking violent crimes, and crimes that impact the standard of living and trust in the community.

Mr. Dupree was successful in creating the first ever "Conviction Integrity Unit" in the state of Kansas, now known as the "Community Integrity Unity." This unit is responsible for ensuring the convictions obtained previously still hold integrity today, and addressing police misconduct.

D.A. Dupree's efforts are recognized nationally with articles featured twice in the New York Times, USA Today, featured in the prosecutorial reform book "Charged," worked with WNBA and NBA players on criminal justice reform, and interviewed with national and international radio shows.

"Justice for all" is not just a saying for Mr. Dupree. He is a **holistic justice advocate**, and is passionate about ensuring equal treatment for all, including those historically mistreated, which he affectionally calls the "three B's" Black, Brown, and Broke folks. D.A. Dupree has instituted implicit bias training within his office and is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity and Justice. He also serves as a member of the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Mr. Dupree has established a culture of community involvement. D.A. Dupree along with all employees participate in neighborhood watch meetings, church gatherings, school activities, and civic organizations.

Mr. Dupree attended the University of Kansas and Washburn University School of Law. Mr. Dupree is married to Attorney Shanelle Dupree and they have 4 beautiful and active children, Layla (14), Mark, II (12), Lilly (11), and Micah (10). Mr. Dupree is the Senior Pastor of a local church in Wyandotte County, Kansas.