

**Mark A. Dupree, Sr.**, is the District Attorney of Wyandotte County, KS, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest county in the State of Kansas. Mr. Dupree leads an office of over 60 employees and manages a significant budget each fiscal year. Mr. Dupree was sworn into office on January 9th, 2017. The District Attorney's office is responsible for keeping the community safe. D.A. Dupree and his team of excellent employees are implementing strategic and visionary policies to expand the function of the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office.

Since taking office, Mr. Dupree's administration has increased the felony trial conviction rate by 27%. The office is focused on equitably charging and prosecuting crime, being proactive, attacking violent crimes and crimes that affect the standard of living in the community.

Mr. Dupree was successful in creating the first ever "Conviction Integrity Unit" in the state of Kansas. This unit is responsible for ensuring that convictions obtained previously still hold integrity today. District Attorney Dupree's efforts for transforming the traditional manner in which District Attorney's Offices have operated has been 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 on the nationally syndicated Roland Martin Show.

Wyandotte community involvement is the bedrock of the Dupree Administration. Community involvement builds community trust, and it is that trust that greatly assists in crime prevention and bringing justice when a crime occurs. As such Mr. Dupree leads the way in speaking at schools, neighborhood watch meetings, church gatherings, and civic organizations. The Assistant District Attorneys in the office, as well as staff members, are actively involved in reaching out to the community as well.

The B.O.L.D.D initiative- which stands for Brilliant Outstanding Leaders Determined to the Difference is a program created by Mr. Dupree's office. Wyandotte County Assistant District Attorneys are going into the schools and working with select high school students educating and exposing them to the legal process in a positive manner.

### **Professional Background**

Mr. Dupree has practiced in a diversity of legal capacities. He clerked in Jackson County, Missouri, served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Jackson County, served as an Assistant Public Defender in Johnson County Public Defender's Office, and he and his wife practiced in their firm, Dupree and Dupree, LLC – Attorneys at Law, until his swearing into office.

### **Community Involvement**

Mr. Dupree is an active member in the community. He is the Senior Pastor of a local church in Wyandotte County. DA Dupree sits on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors and serves on the K.B.A Executive Committee, is the Immediate Past President of the Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Courts, Sunflower House board member, and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### **Education**

University of Kansas - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science minor in Leadership Studies Washburn University School of Law – Juris Doctorate Degree

### **Personal**

Mr. Dupree is married to his law school sweetheart Shanelle Dupree, who serves as the Kansas City Regional Director of the Department for Children and Families, and they have four beautiful and active children.