



Biography of Councilwoman Dana M. Burley

Dana M. Burley was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey. Dana attended Bonsall Elementary School for kindergarten and attended St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral for first to eighth grades, receiving her diploma in 1978. She attended high school at St. Joseph High School in Camden and Pope Paul VI High School in Haddon Twp, NJ, where she received her high school diploma in 1982. Dana obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga. in May, 1987.

She began her professional career in 1988 working at Flex/Data Corporation in Cherry Hill as a Data/ Computer Operator. In 1990, Dana began working for the New Jersey General Assembly as a Research Assistant in the Assembly Democratic Office (ADO). Dana excelled over the years by becoming the first African American female to be employed as a Research Associate, Senior Research Associate, Assistant Director of Research and Director of Research.

On January 10, 2006, under the Speakership of Assemblyman Joseph J. Roberts, Dana was sworn in as the Clerk of the New Jersey General Assembly for the 212th Legislative Session, she remained in that position during the 213th Legislative Session and was again sworn in as the Clerk of the New

Jersey General Assembly on January 8, 2008.

Under the Speakership of Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver, the first African American Female Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, Dana was remained Clerk of General Assembly for the 214th and 215th Legislative Sessions; she was sworn into the position on January 12, 2010 and January 10, 2012 respectively.

Under the Speakership of Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, Dana was sworn in as Clerk of the New Jersey General Assembly for the 216th and 217th Legislative Sessions; she was sworn into the position on January 14, 2014 and January 12, 2016 respectively.

On January 9, 2018, under the under the Speakership of Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Dana was again sworn in to serve as Clerk of the General Assembly for the 218th Legislative Session.

On May 8, 2007, Dana was elected to her first term as Ward 1 Councilperson in the City of Camden. During her first term, she was instrumental in advocating for the city's most vulnerable citizens - Senior Citizens and the Disabled - she worked with the administration in finding a fair balance in maintaining the cost of obtaining handicap parking and handicap parking signage. Dana was elected to her second term on November 8, 2011 and she is currently serving in her third term, of which she was elected in November, 2015. She continues to work for and serve the residents of Camden City through her support and input of Public Safety, Health Care and Community Initiatives.

In April, 2010, Dana was selected to be placed in the Cambridge Who's Who Registry, an affiliation and networking tool which includes over 400,000 talented individuals who are valuable resources in their respective industries.

Dana is a former member of the South Jersey Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees and the Community Advisory Committee for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. She is a member of the Fairview Neighbors Community Association. She is also a member of the Camden City Democratic Committee, Camden County Democratic Committee and actively involved in several local charitable efforts. In her spare time, Dana enjoys reading, shopping, hanging out with family and friends and playing with her dog Kaia. An avid Philadelphia Sports fan, Dana also enjoys attending most local collegiate and professional sporting events.