

THE HONORABLE TRACEY L. GORDON, REGISTER OF WILLS

The Honorable Tracey L. Gordon, is a third generation Philadelphian who now resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Madam Gordon graduated from West Catholic High School excelling in civics; and Temple University's Fox School of Business with a focus on Risk management.

For more than three decades, Madam Gordon has advocated for the underserved and "out-voiced" serving as a tenacious change-agent in various city and neighborhood roles/positions.

In 2019, with a historic election win over an incumbent, Madam Gordon's tenure as The Register of Wills was off to a "swift start" in spite of a global pandemic three weeks after assuming office. In response to the shut-down, The Register decided to turned her office into an essential office from a previously held non-essential office, much like police and fire departments.

As one of the only open offices in government in the country, as noted by the New York Times, her unprecedented actions allowed for Quaker marriages to be established, the continued collection of estate taxes as well as the probating of estates virtually. In 2022, the office collected over 109M in estate taxes and delivered a balanced budget noted as the most fiscally compliant office in local government.

In short, her office did not shut down in spite of the pandemic. Additionally, Madam Gordon also took the initiative to create an outreach office, first ever in the history of the department, as her duty to educate and elevated constituents city-wide about the Tangle Titled Billion-dollar crisis.

Madam Gordon took the Tangled Title matter one step further and created, the Property Deferment Initiative (PDI). PDI is designed to provide a reprieve for homeowners until they get their property affairs in order avoiding additional legal hurdles.

Avowing herself an "elected activist," Madam Gordon oversees the oldest collection of archives in the country and a staff of more than 70, who dutifully serve Philadelphians in the areas of marriage licensing, collection of estate taxes and probating wills.

From "Grassroots to Government Official", Madam Gordon, the first woman and Black-American Register of Wills of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is tenacious and passionate about solution-focused actions.

Her Inspirational-Leadership style is informed by her mission to ensure that a Quality of Life is afforded to all Philadelphians and that families' Generational Wealth is Properly Prepared for, Protected and Probated.

When relaxing you can find, The Register, the family Matriarch, enjoying her four adult children and granddaughter, affectionately referred to as "Yum-Yum."