

Executive-at-Large Candidate Statement

My name is Ashley Nicole Shambley, and I am asking for your vote to become your AFSCME Local 3315 Executive-at-Large Board Member. I have been with the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender for eleven years. Throughout my time with the Office, I have held various assignments. I began my career at Child Protection on June 12, 2012. Following my time in Civil I transferred to First municipal where I had the privilege of working with some of the finest attorneys at 555 W. Harrison and 69 W. Washington in the Traffic Division. Following my service in First Municipal I was assigned to the Felony Trial Division at 2650 S. California Ave, Chicago, IL in March of 2014. I remained at 26th and California until being reassigned as a Grade IV at Markham in August of 2021.

I have been an active dues paying member of AFSCME Local 3315 since my first day in the Office. I became an Union Steward in 2013 and Trustee in 2018. Throughout the years I have watched the Union Board tirelessly fight for a fair wage and working conditions. I was amazed at the hard work and dedication our Board showed during the Pandemic negotiations. I was inspired to seek a role where I can provide greater service to my colleagues, Executive-at-Large. I see no greater honor than serving others.

I have been your Trustee since 2018. While I love the work, I want to do more, I can do more, it is my job to do more. Our office has seen some good and bad times under the three administrations I have worked under. I have become familiar with the grievances of my colleagues over the years from promotional issues, unnecessary discipline, and unfair courtroom assignments. Although, I've come far in our office it would not have been possible without the support of our union. Now I seek to support you in your journey through this office.

When you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote for me, Ashley Nicole Shambley.