

# KAI ODEN

"The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right, when it is unpopular, is a true test of moral character." - Margaret Chase Smith

Kai Oden a 24-year resident of Conyers, Georgia (Rockdale County) is a female millennial executive and community leader with fourteen years of extensive judicial court service experience and a decade of managerial experience in the State of Georgia's Criminal Justice and local government field. Over the years, Kai has achieved abundant success within the government sector with multiple leadership certifications and awards to include her membership with the International Society of Female Professionals, Command Leadership Certification, No-Nonsense Training Solution's Women Leading in Public Safety Certification, State of Georgia Service Award, Commissioner Service Award in 2019 and 2018, Management Development, Records Management, Emergency Management Planning, Security Awareness, and a Cybersecurity certification to name a few during her career.

Currently, Kai holds an executive level position as the Financial Executive for the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office where she provides oversight of the agency's \$29.2 million dollar budget. Prior to this role, Kai served as Chief Deputy for the Clerk of Courts Office where she provided managerial oversight to (6) divisions comprising of 29 to 30 employees, with a primary responsibility of managing, coordinating, planning, organizing, developing, and directing day-to-day court operations for the Clerk's Office.

Outside of her daily work activities, Kai is considered a millennial community servant and advocate with over 30 years of servantship since a child. She believes millennials are the future and that future is "Now". Therefore, in a growing world of young leaders rising to the top, she understands what drives government and business operations. Kai's passion for leading and community advocacy is delivered through her driving force for optimum success. She has taken her talents from the government world to the nonprofit and for-profit world, where she currently volunteers her time as an advisory board member for the A.R. Gus Barksdale Boys and Girls Club and former volunteer/youth mentor with the Always Keep Hope Foundation.

Kai Oden holds a Master of Public Administration in Executive Leadership from Strayer University in Lithonia, Georgia and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia that adds expertise in journalism, media and strategic planning. She is also the proud mother of one son. Indeed, Kai is an admirable professional and experienced millennial leader prepared and ready to continue her servantship as your next Rockdale County Clerk of Superior and State Courts.



#### **TOP PRIORITIES**

- Committed to Excellence in Customer Service.
- Ongoing Enhancements in Technology
- Efficient and Effective Leadership
- Impactful Community and Governmental Partnerships
- Fostering the Public's Trust

### MISSION

To maintain and secure Rockdale County's vital and official public records while supporting the judicial circuit in providing the community with public access as a leader of change, integrity, compassion, and a transparent steward of all funds.

### VISION

To be an impactful organization committed to excellence in customer service, ongoing enhancements in technology, effective leader in community and governmental partnerships, while fostering the public's trust.

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