

Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury

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Comptroller Names Toni Chadwick New Open Records Counsel

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Jason Mumpower announced today that Toni Chadwick will serve as the new Open Records Counsel in the Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC).

As Open Records Counsel, Chadwick will lead the OORC which serves as a resource for citizens, media, and governmental entities who have questions about Tennessee's public records and open meetings laws. The OORC also helps Tennessee citizens and governmental entities understand these laws through educational outreach and by promulgating policies, best practices, and guidelines. The OORC's assistance and education efforts are crucial to ensuring transparency in government.

Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office, Chadwick worked as an Administrative Judge for Tennessee's Division of TennCare presiding over hearings related to program eligibility. She has also served as a Commissioner's Designee with the Department of Labor. Chadwick is a graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi School of Law.



Chadwick will join Assistant General Counsel Seth May in providing assistance to Tennesseans through the OORC. Maria Bush, who previously served as Open Records Counsel, is transitioning to a part-time role with the Comptroller's Office and will maintain her involvement with the OORC.

"The Office of Open Records Counsel plays an important role in ensuring our state and local governments follow the laws that keep public records and meetings open and accessible," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "I know that Toni will continue to serve the hundreds of Tennesseans who utilize this office and its expertise each year."

For more information about the OORC visit <u>www.comptroller.tn.gov/openrecords</u>.

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