



The latest news from the Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller

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Happy Holidays!

Clerk's Office Closed in Observance of Christmas and New Year's Day

Happy holidays from Clerk & Comptroller, Sharon R. Bock, Esq. and the entire staff at the Clerk's office.

Our office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 25 for Christmas and Wednesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's Day holidays. [See our complete schedule of holiday closures.](#)



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Clerk's Office Recognized with Stevie Awards Top Honors



Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq. and Chief Operating Officer Shannon R. Chessman

We are proud to be the recipient of a [2019 Gold Stevie Award](#)! The Stevie Award recognizes outstanding women and organizations in the corporate, nonprofit and government sectors from around the world. Our office was named as the Organization of the Year for Government or Non-Profit agencies with more than 10 employees.

Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq., was also recognized as the Silver Stevie Award winner in the category of Female Executive of the Year – Government or Non-Profit, 11 to 2,500 Employees.

Midwestern Communities Service Center Reopens on Fridays

Starting on Jan. 3, 2020, our Midwestern Communities Service Center branch office in Royal Palm Beach will reopen on Fridays. The branch office will resume normal operating hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. [Learn more](#) about our office locations.

Civil Court Jurisdictional Changes Take Effect January 1

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, county court jurisdictional thresholds will increase to \$30,000, and small claims cases will include cases up to \$8,000. Filing fees will remain the same. Filers will be required to include an [updated civil cover sheet](#) (effective 1/1/20) specifying the dollar amount in dispute in cases exceeding \$8,000 in value. The changes also require prevailing parties in a Circuit or County Civil case to file [a final disposition form](#). Learn more about the [upcoming changes](#).

Clerk's Office Celebrates 25 Years of Giving Back to the Community



This year marks the Clerk office's milestone year of raising more than \$1.2 million in cash donations and volunteer hours given by our employees to local nonprofit organizations since 1994 through the [“Clerks for a Cause”](#) program. [Learn more](#) about our commitment to our community.

More than \$40,000 Donated to Local Nonprofits at Clerk's “Money Drop”



Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Zoe Cappel, Jennifer Cappel, Dakota Cappel, Barbara Abernathy of Pediatric Oncology Support Team, Inc. and Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq.

Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq., celebrated her office's 25 years of supporting charitable causes on Monday, Dec. 9 during her office's annual Circuit Sound holiday concert and "Money Drop" event.

At this year's event, the Clerk distributed more than \$40,000 to local nonprofits and fundraised \$3,625 for the family of 3-year-old Dakota Cappel who was diagnosed with leukemia at 16 months old.

Monday's event capped a record-breaking milestone for the office. Since 1994, the Clerk & Comptroller's team has donated \$1 million to more than 100 local nonprofits through the office's employee-driven [Clerks for a Cause](#) charitable giving program. [Read more](#) about this year's "Money Drop" event.

Clerk Employees Donate More than 1,000 Gift Items to Local Children in Need



*Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq. and Chief Operating Officer
Shannon R. Chessman*

Clerk & Comptroller employees spread holiday cheer with gifts for 256 local children in need participating in the Back to Basics Angel program. Back to Basics is a Wellington-based nonprofit that provides the basic necessities for children in need across our community. Employees donated holiday gift packages filled with new shoes, socks, underwear and a toy totaling more than \$10,000 in gift items.

In addition to the holiday packages, the Clerk & Comptroller's team also donated \$2,130 to Back to Basics through the office's [Dress Down Program](#). [Read more](#).

Clerk to Host Free DIY in Court Workshops

Are you representing yourself in court? The Clerk & Comptroller's Self-Service Center hosts [free workshops each month on a variety of topics](#).

[Learn more](#) about our upcoming and past free Do-It-Yourself In Court Workshops.

[Watch Previous Workshops on Demand](#)

In Our Community

Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock, Esq. and Chief Operating Officer Shannon R. Chessman attended the Tuesday, Dec. 3 meeting of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation to thank members for their support of the Clerks Serve Florida Act (HB 337). The legislation was approved during the 2019 session.



On Thursday, Dec. 5, the Clerk's Deputy Inspector General Anthony Palmieri attended the Brevard County Guardianship Stakeholders meeting in Viera. He presented on the Clerks' statewide role with investigating guardianships.

Members of the Clerk's executive team volunteered this month to sort school supplies donated to the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County's Red Apple Supplies store. The store provides much-needed classroom supplies for

teachers at Palm Beach County's Title 1 schools, which serve students with the highest financial need.



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