

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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CLERK REPORT

July 2021

New Redaction Requirements Now in Effect

All filers of circuit civil, county civil and small claims court documents are now solely responsible for ensuring that confidential information is redacted or is identified for redaction.

In **Opinion 20-1765**, the Florida Supreme Court amended Rule 2.420 requiring the filer to be solely responsible for identifying confidential information in small claims, county civil and most circuit civil court documents.

These changes, which took effect on July 1, **do not apply** to juvenile, family, guardianship, probate or criminal cases.

Mail Delays Impacting Passport Turnaround Times



Need a passport? Plan ahead and **schedule your passport appointment** with our office today.

Mail delays are significantly impacting how long it takes to get a passport. Current processing times for routine service can take up to 18 weeks. Expedited service can take up to 12 weeks.

Learn How to Seal or Expunge a Criminal Record

Do you have questions about how to seal or expunge a criminal record? **Check out our latest “How To” workshop** on YouTube. We explain the difference between sealing and expunging a record, outline the forms that must be completed and go over all of the court fees that are required.



Clerk's Office Named One of South Florida's Healthiest Employers

For the third consecutive year, our office has been named to the South Florida Business Journal's annual list of the area's healthiest employers. We earned the second-place spot on this year's list in the category honoring organizations with 500 to 1,499 employees.

The Healthiest Employer award recognizes organizations from Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties who are committed to improving the overall health and well-being of their employees.

Chief Deputy Clerk Sworn in as President of Statewide Finance Association

Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, our office's Chief Deputy Clerk, will serve for the next year in a new role: President of the state's leading association for government finance professionals.

Shannon was sworn in as president of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) during the organization's annual business meeting on June 18.



In Our Community

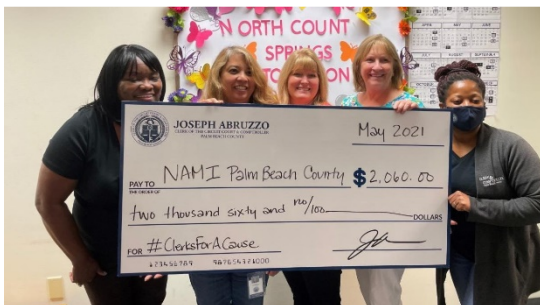


Our employees donated hundreds of diapers, wipes and other baby supplies to help those in need. The items were delivered last month to the team at Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County, where they will be distributed to local families.

The diaper drive was part of our **Clerks for a Cause charitable giving program.**

Kathy Burstein, our office's Chief Communications Officer, has completed Leadership Palm Beach County's Engage Program and is a graduate of the Class of 2021.

Kathy (pictured in the center) was joined by Clerk Joseph Abruzzo and Chief Deputy Clerk Shannon Ramsey-Chessman at last month's Leadership Celebration, where she received her Leadership diploma.



Our ClerkPBC team donated \$2,060 to support NAMI Palm Beach County, a local non-profit serving those affected by mental illness. The employee donations were made as part of our Clerks for a Cause Dress Down program.



We're proud to partner with the United Way of Palm Beach County and the Paint Your Heart Out program. Last month, members of our ClerkPBC team volunteered their time to paint a home in West Palm Beach for a family in need.

We're hiring! To learn more about careers with our office, visit mypalmbeachclerk.com/careers.

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