

# JOSEPH ABRUZZO

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER  
PALM BEACH COUNTY



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## Keep an Eye on Your Property with Property Fraud Alerts



Do you know that you can protect one of your most valuable assets with a **free tool** from my office? Your Palm Beach County Clerk's office maintains a free [Property Fraud Alert service](#) that only takes a moment to sign up for and can provide you peace of mind.

[Learn About Property Fraud Alerts](#)

## Epstein Grand Jury Records Bill Becomes Law, Effective July 1



Clerk Abruzzo was in Tallahassee in February, working with Senator Tina Polsky and Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman to [craft a bipartisan bill](#) to create a pathway for a judge to release the grand jury records in the Epstein case.

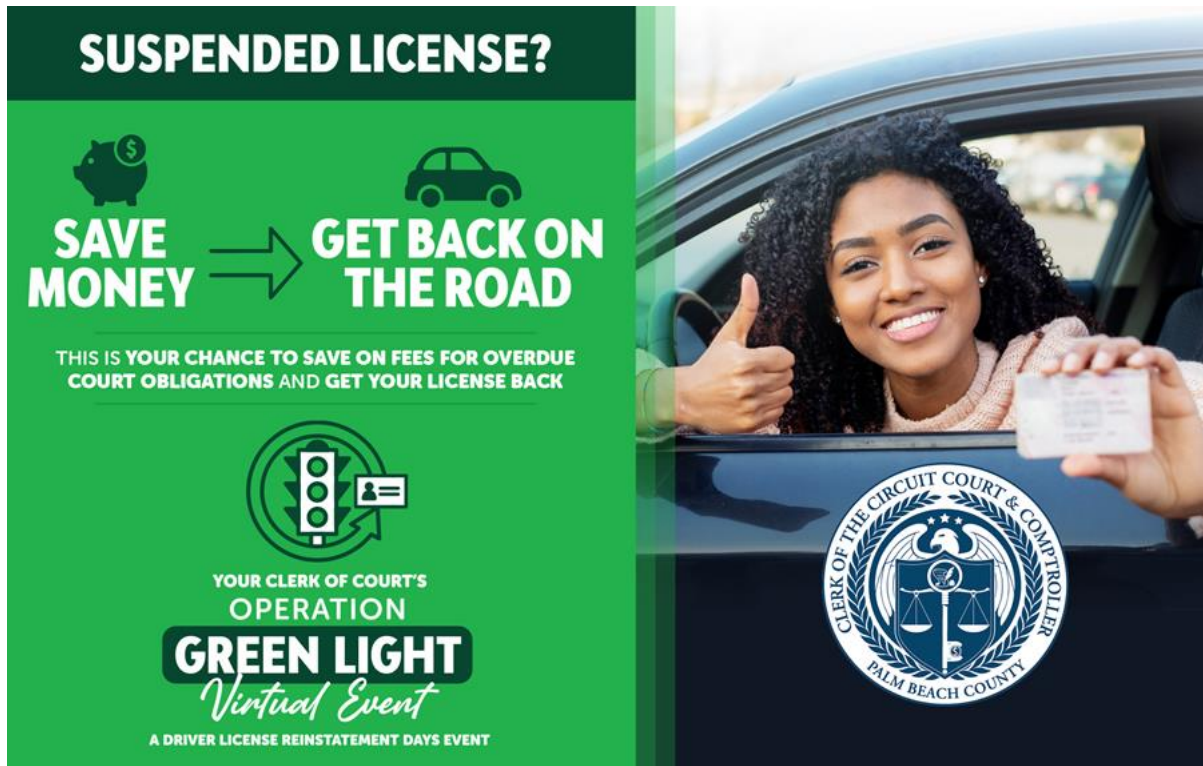
On Thursday, February 29, Governor Ron DeSantis [signed the bill in Palm Beach](#).

"Today is a victory for full transparency in the Jeffrey Epstein case," Clerk Abruzzo said. "It is an extremely important day for Jeffrey Epstein's victims, and for our community. The legislation signed today by Gov. Ron DeSantis will, for the first time, create a pathway for a judge to release the grand jury records in the Epstein case."

[Learn More](#)

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**Suspended License?  
We're Here to Help April 8 - 12**



Save money and get back on the road from [April 8 to April 12 with Operation Green Light](#).

This upcoming event is an opportunity for Palm Beach County customers with suspended driver licenses to pay overdue court obligations, including traffic tickets, while saving 25 percent in collection agency fees.

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## Beware of Calls and Texts About Missing Jury Duty

Palm Beach County residents should be aware of scammers attempting to solicit money or personal information from them by claiming they have missed jury duty.

In one recent scam, a caller falsely identifies herself as a law enforcement officer and says the individual has missed jury duty and must post a bond for a bench warrant. The scammer used the names of judges and law enforcement personnel.

If someone calls and demands money, threatens you or has a sense of urgency, **it may be a scam.**

# Leadership Presents at Annual Government & Judicial System Day



*Chief Deputy Clerk and Chief of Staff Shannon Ramsey-Chessman speaking at Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.*



*Court Operations Manager Taneisha Edwards alongside Ramsey-Chessman.*

Chief Deputy Clerk and Chief of Staff Shannon Ramsey-Chessman spoke about the Clerk's role in the court system and county government during the [Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Leadership Glades](#) program's annual Government & Judicial System Day on Friday, February 23.

She was joined by Court Operations Manager Taneisha Edwards, who is currently a participant in this year's Leadership Glades class.

## Love Was in the Air on Valentine's Day



The Clerk's office [held a Valentine's Day group wedding](#) on Tuesday, February 14 in the charmingly restored courtroom of the 1916 Palm Beach County Courthouse.

Clerk Joseph Abruzzo led the ceremony for the couples and their guests from Palm Beach County's inaugural courtroom.

"Our Valentine's Day group wedding has provided a unique experience for more than a decade, and few places are more significant in Palm Beach County than the historic courthouse," Abruzzo said. "It is our privilege to bring the Valentine's Day wedding to this grand space that holds a special place in our county's history."

[See Photos and Video of Our Love-filled Event](#)



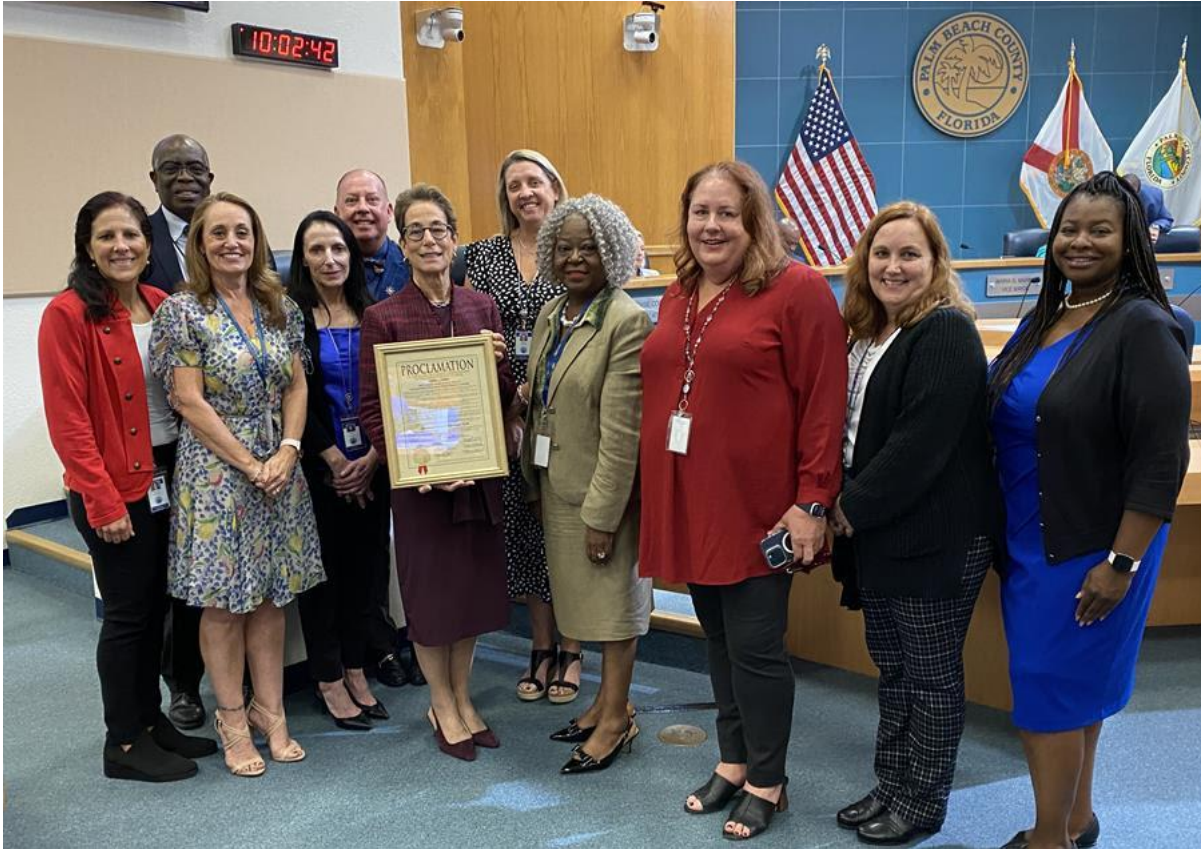
## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Our offices will be **closed on Friday, March 29** in observance of Good Friday. Keep an eye on our calendar for [upcoming holiday closures](#) throughout the year.

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**Thank You to Our Government Finance Professionals!**



*From left to right: Nicole Gasparri, Director – Strategic Management & Professional Development; Radcliffe Brown, Chief Operating Officer – Finance; Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, Chief of Staff & Chief Deputy Clerk; Felicia Landerman, Treasurer; Paul Guzenski, Manager – Finance Services; Maria Marino, Palm Beach County Vice Mayor; Tracy Ramsey, Director – Finance; Verdenia Baker, Palm Beach County Administrator. Then, the team from the Palm Beach County Office of Financial Management & Budget with Sherry Brown, Director – Office of Financial Management & Budget; Lisa Master, Budget Director; Robyn Lawrence, Director Financial Management.*

Our office's finance team works daily with counterparts at the Board of County Commissioners and the Office of Financial Management & Budget to keep Palm Beach County's finances working for all.

On Tuesday, March 5, Vice Mayor Maria Marino issued a proclamation declaring **March 18 through 22 as Government Finance Professionals Week**. We are honored to be part of this important inter-governmental team!



# In Our Community - We're Here to Help!

## Informing Seniors at Kings Point



Clerk Abruzzo shared insights about the office with members of the Kings Point community in Delray Beach on Tuesday, March 5.

Want an expert from the Clerk's office speak with your organization? Learn how at [our Speaker's Bureau](#).

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## Keeping Runners Hydrated at Bridge the Gap 5K





Our volunteers woke up early on Saturday, February 17 to provide event support, pass out water and make each runner at the Bridge the Gap 5K event feel supported.

Proceeds from the run benefitted [Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County](#), who provide scholarships, mentors, and hope for low-income students.

**We're hiring!**

**From courtroom clerks to accountants, and everything in between.**

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