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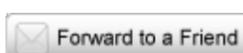
Clerk Sharon R. Bock Recognized at State Level for Leadership in Guardianship Fraud Investigations

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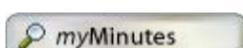


Quality Senior Living Award ceremony at the Florida Conference on Aging in Orlando on August 9.

The Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County received the Quality Senior Living Award for its Guardianship Fraud Program and Hotline during the Florida Conference on Aging earlier this month.

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New DCA Ruling: Clerk's Office No Longer to Accept Paper Filings from Attorneys

As of September 1, 2016, paper filings will not be accepted from attorneys unless the document:

- Falls under one of the exceptions in Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.525(d), or
- Is an original document required to be filed with the court.

In preparation for paper filings no longer being accepted, attorneys and staff are invited to attend a free [E-Filing training session](#) at the Main Courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach.

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Clerk Bock Spearheads Statewide Investigations of Guardians Program



Secretary Samuel P. Verghese, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Deputy Director Amelia Milton, Office of Public and Professional Guardians, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Inspector General Bob Melton, Clerk of Court & Comptroller, Lake County; Sharon R. Bock, Esq., Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County; and Chief Investigator Anthony Palmieri, Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County.

At the Florida State Guardianship Association annual meeting last month, Clerk Sharon R. Bock moderated and presented the first statewide guardianship fraud investigation program. Clerk & Comptroller of Palm Beach County is one of six offices statewide collaborating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Office of Public and Professional Guardians to investigate guardianship fraud in all Florida counties.

Hot off the press:

- [WTVJ, NBC 6 News Coverage](#)
- [WPLG, ABC 10 News Coverage](#)

Deadline to Challenge a Property's Market Value, Classification or Exemption is September 16

Taxpayers will be notified this month of their property's assessed and market values in a Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice. Taxpayers who feel the Property Appraiser's assessment, classification or exemption status for their property is not correct have until September 16 to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB).

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Clerk Bock Re-Elected to Statewide Executive Committees



Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers Second Vice President Sharon R. Bock, Esq., Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller; First Vice President Marcia Johnson, Franklin County Clerk of Court; Treasurer Stacy Butterfield, CPA, Polk County Clerk of Courts & Comptroller; and Secretary Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

During the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) 2016 Summer Conference, Sharon R. Bock, Esq., Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County, was elected second vice president and will serve a one-year term on the executive committee.

Clerk Bock was also re-elected to serve as chair of the eight-member Executive Council of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC).

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Economic Rebound Leads to Record Year for Palm Beach County Tourism

As the economy continued to rebound in Fiscal Year 2015, Palm Beach County experienced an exceptional year for tourism. Tourist Development Tax receipts hit a record level, increasing 26.3 percent over the prior fiscal year. Airport travel was up 5 percent, with approximately 6.2 million passengers traveling through Palm Beach International Airport.

Find out more about Palm Beach County's revenue, spending and more in [Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances](#).

Clerk Presents County's Financial Health

As Comptroller, Clerk Bock serves as Palm Beach County's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor, creating a separation of powers between the policymakers on the Board of County Commissioners and the fiscal authority for the County. This constitutional check and balance ensures that the public's tax dollars are managed and spent with the taxpayers' needs in mind.

Read Palm Beach County's [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) or [Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances](#).

Clerk's Office Scales Back Schedule at Midwestern Communities Service Center

The Clerk & Comptroller's office at the Midwestern Communities Service Center in Royal Palm Beach is now closed to the public on Fridays. This is consistent with the Clerk's offices at the North and South County courthouses.

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