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## Clerk Sharon Bock Leads Florida Clerks on Guardianship Investigations

November 2016



Clerk Sharon Bock (center) is joined by panelists and other Clerks at the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers fall conference this week in Destin.



**Clerk Sharon R. Bock, Esq.**

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On November 17, Clerk Bock led a panel discussion on Florida guardianship and the role of Clerk's offices in the statewide oversight process. Clerk Bock's office leads the statewide investigation program for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, joined by other Clerk's offices across the state.

The panelists represented Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller; Office of Public Guardian, Inc; and Florida State Guardianship Association.

[Clerk & Comptroller's Guardianship Fraud Hotline](#)  
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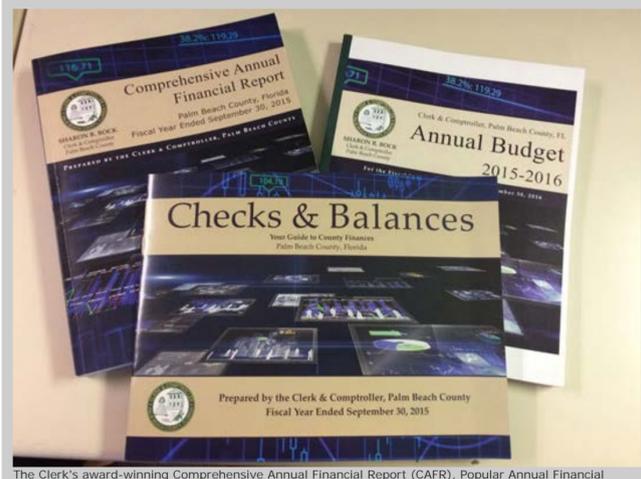
Clerk Bock and her team are available to speak to your organization on a variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

Letter to the Community From Clerk Bock: [Palm Beach County Penny Tax](#)

## Clerk & Comptroller Recognized by Centre for Fiduciary Excellence

For the eighth consecutive year, the Clerk & Comptroller has been certified by the Centre for Fiduciary Excellence (CEFEX) for our management of County funds. We were the first county government office in the country to earn this certification, affirming our commitment to fiduciary best practices in the areas of recordkeeping, investment policies, investment committee and portfolio management.

## Financial Reports Earn Trio of Top Awards



The Clerk's award-winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and Annual Budget Report.

The Clerk's office has earned the triple crown of financial reports for the fourth straight year from the Government Finance Officers Association. The prestigious recognitions include: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the [FY 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#), Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the [FY 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report](#) and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Clerk's [Fiscal Year 2016 budget](#).

## Message From Clerk Bock: Phishing to Steal Your Identity

Each year, thousands of unsuspecting victims report that they have had online theft attempts on their money or personal information. The numbers continue to grow as more and more senior citizens connect to computers and smart devices. My office is here to help protect you from becoming a victim.

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## A Salute to Our Heroes in Honor of Veterans Day



Clerk Bock thanked our employee veterans for their service to our country.

Employees throughout the Clerk's office donated items for "We Care" packages last week in honor of Veterans Day. Through Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, these items will go to service members of the U.S. military who are currently deployed in countries overseas. Clerk Bock also recognized employees who have served in our armed forces.

## Passport Fair Draws More Than 200 Applicants

More than 200 passport applications were processed during the Clerk's Passport Fair on Friday, October 21. Our North, South and West County branches opened for special hours to accept passport applications on a day when Palm Beach County students did not have school. In addition to accepting applications, our offices also took 150 passport photos.

If you missed the Passport Fair, you can still [apply for a U.S. passport at one of our branch locations](#).

## Clerk & Comptroller in the Community



**Century Village Health Fair:** Jan, a resident of Century Village in Boca Raton, stops by the Clerk & Comptroller table at the Community Services Expo & Health Fair. Clerk staff provided information about our services and answered questions during the November 17 event.



**Veterans Court Anniversary:** Michelle Spangenberg from Court Administration, County Court Judge Ted Booras, Clerk's Assistant Manager of Court Operations Karen Scantland and Clerk's Criminal Courts Director Louis Tomeo attended the sixth anniversary of Veterans Court last week.



**Educating About Guardianship Fraud:** The Clerk's Deputy Inspector General Anthony Palmieri spoke at the 2016 National Conference on Guardianship on October 31 in Charleston, South Carolina. Anthony spoke to 150 attendees about fraud in guardianship.



**Sharing IT Best Practices:** The Clerk's Chief Information Officer Paul Jones presented about IT security best practices at the ITEN Wired Summit last month in Pensacola. ITEN Wired is the Gulf Coast's premier conference for executives, entrepreneurs, professionals and educators working in technology.

## Offices Closed November 24 & 25

All Clerk & Comptroller offices will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Best wishes to you for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

[Clerk & Comptroller's Holiday Calendar](#)

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