

Sharon R. Bock, Esq.

*Clerk & Comptroller
Palm Beach County*

Biography

Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock is a tireless advocate for continuous government improvement who encourages the use of industry best practices to address the major fiscal and ethical challenges facing Palm Beach County. Now in her second four-year term, she was first elected to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court in November 2004. Upon taking her oath as Clerk, she immediately modified the organization's name to Clerk & Comptroller to more accurately reflect the office's duties, services and public purpose. As Clerk & Comptroller, she serves a local population of more than 1.2 million citizens as the County's Chief Financial Officer and Auditor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. Currently, she manages the third largest Clerk's office in Florida, administering a \$58.7 million annual budget and overseeing more than 700 employees in six locations.

Clerk Bock has earned the nickname of County "watchdog" by identifying waste and government inefficiencies through her Division of Inspector General and Audit department. Since taking office, she has identified an estimated \$20 million in questionable costs, lost revenue and potential losses. She also conducted high-profile audits of the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Convention Center and County debt practices. In addition, Clerk Bock and her team of investment professionals protected \$70 million of taxpayer dollars by removing all County money from the state investment pool prior to a freeze of the fund in 2007. Her strong reputation in the financial arena has led to requests from County Commissioners, other constitutional officers, and the courts for various information including financial analysis, trend reports and financial or performance audits.

Another primary objective for Clerk Bock is public education and awareness that promotes transparency and accountability in County government. Her commitment is demonstrated through her publication of the award-winning *Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances*, an easy-to-read citizens' guide to County finances. In addition, she established a Speakers Bureau, E-Newsletter and "Clerk Alerts" to provide timely information and resources on topics such as identify theft, legislation, fraud and other matters of public concern.

Clerk Bock brings to her position nearly twenty-five years of experience in the private sector as a financial consultant, real estate lawyer, title company owner and general manager. She first joined the Clerk's office in 1998 as Chief Deputy Clerk for Court Services. She was promoted to Chief Deputy Clerk in 2003; the same year she helped the office earn the prestigious Governor's Sterling Award for Organizational Performance Excellence, the highest achievement of business excellence in the state of Florida. As Chief Deputy Clerk, she created the organization's first

ever customer feedback system and developed a public web portal that provides access to court and official records.

Education:

- South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate
 - Law Review Assistant Managing Editor
 - Studied International Commerce Law at the University of Hong Kong
- Slippery Rock University, B.A.

Accreditations, Certifications and Licenses:

- Supreme Court Certified Clerk
- Accredited Investment Fiduciary
- Real Estate Sales License
- Insurance License
- Securities Licenses Series 7, 63 and 65
- Certified Scuba Diver
- General Aviation Pilot License

Author:

“Electronic Access to Court Records — A Virtual Tightrope in the Making,” *Florida Bar Journal*, November 2004

Honors:

- 2009 Named one of the Most Powerful & Influential Women in Florida by *Florida Diversity Magazine*
- 2008 Leadership Palm Beach County Leadership Excellence Award
- 2007 Named one of the 40 Most Powerful People in Palm Beach County by *The Palm Beacher*
- 2007 Honorary Co-Chair, American Heart Walk, Palm Beach County
- 2007 Palm Beach County Voters Coalition Civic Leader of the Year Award
- 2007 Executive Women of the Palm Beaches’ Women in Leadership Award
- 2007 Junior Achievement Rising Star Award
- 2006 American Jewish Congress Civic Leader of the Year Award
- 2005 Caribbean American for Community Involvement, Business Awareness Program Certificate of Participation
- 2004-2005 and 2001-2002 Small Group Leader Award, Inns of Court
- 2003, Key Contributor to Clerk of the Circuit Court’s receipt of the Florida Governor’s Sterling Award for Organizational Performance Excellence
- 2001 Florida Association of Women Lawyers Glass Ceiling Breaker Award

Memberships:

- Association of Inspectors General
- Clerk of Court Operations Corporation Finance & Budget Committee
- Craig S. Barnard American Inns of Court
- Executive Women of the Palm Beaches
- Florida Association of Court Clerks & Comptrollers Education, Legislative & Judicial Relations Committees
 - Former member of the Article V, Communications and E-Filing Workgroup Committees
- Florida Bar Association
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association
- Florida Sterling Council
- The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors
- Leadership Palm Beach County Alumnus
- Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association
- Palm Beach County and South Palm Beach County Bar Associations
- Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- Palm Beach County Government Finance Officers Association
- Palm Beach County League of Women Voters
- Voters Coalition of Palm Beach County

Prior Appointments:

- Aero Club, Palm Beach County Chapter
- American Bar Association, Law Student Liaison to the Practice Management Section
- City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee
- Leadership Palm Beach County Board of Governors
- Palm Beach County Domestic Violence Council
- Palm Beach County Juvenile Justice Commission
- Planning & Zoning Board, Town of Palm Beach Shores
- Women's Business Development Center at Florida International University

Personal:

Clerk Bock, her husband, Anthony Gigliotti, and dog, Missy, live in Palm Beach Shores about a mile from her parents, Mary and Lou Repak.