

PRESS RELEASE

Clerk Recognized for Finance and Accounting Excellence

Dwight E. Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Collier County announced that the Clerk's Finance and Accounting Department has been awarded the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* by Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

The *Certificate of Achievement* is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Clerk's Office received this award because of its award winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending September 30, 2007.

The CAFR is the financial report that encompasses all funds for the component units of county government. The CAFR includes the financial statements for the Clerk of Courts, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff's Office and the Board of County Commissioners.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "*spirit of full disclosure*" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Mr. Brock reported that the Clerk's Office has been recognized by receiving this award for 22 consecutive years.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving 17,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

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