

Clerk Launches New “Reporting Fraud” Page on CollierClerk.com

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court in Collier County, is making it easier for the general public and county employees to report suspected fraud in Collier County government.

The Clerk has launched a new “Reporting Fraud” page on CollierClerk.com. The new page includes an interactive complaint form that can be submitted to the Clerk’s Internal Audit Department and also lists the various options the public has for initiating a suspected fraud report. The new page provides links to relevant Florida Statutes and lists FAQs to educate the public about fraud.

<http://www.collierclerk.com/ClerkToTheBoard/InternalAudit/ReportingFraud>

Dwight stated “one way the system of checks and balances works in county government is through the Clerk’s ability to conduct financial audits. I believe the general public and county employees have an important role to play in reporting suspected wrong doing in county government so taxpayers feel government operations are managed in an honest and lawful manner”.

The Clerk of Courts role as accountant, auditor and custodian of all county funds is outlined in the Florida Constitution to provide the checks and balances required to protect the public interest and public funds.

Last year, the 19th Statewide Florida Grand Jury Report cited the Clerk of Courts as “the first line of defense against public corruption.” It addressed the role of the clerks by stating “their efforts may be supplemented and assisted by inspector’s general, sheriffs, local police and other fraud fighting components of government but their role is fundamental, and because of this, their liability is personal”.

The report concluded “if we hope to slow the theft and mismanagement of government resources, audits must be conducted in a meaningful way.”

With the launch of the Clerk’s new “reporting fraud” page, Dwight Brock is looking for information that will ensure that internal audits conducted in Collier County lead to honest government, nothing more and nothing less.

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