

## **LEE CLERK OF COURT PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IN RECOGNITION OF SUNSHINE WEEK MARCH 11 - 17, 2018**

Fort Myers, FL— Mar.6,2018 – In recognition of 2018 Sunshine Week (March 11-17), the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers pledged their continued support of open government and the accountable, transparent processes used in their offices statewide.

Florida's Sunshine Laws are among the strongest in the nation, giving every citizen access to the information necessary for participating in the democratic process. These laws protect a citizen's right to know how government operates, making information such as public events, government meeting minutes, and court proceedings available to all.

“As a Constitutional Officer and public trustee, Clerks are held to a higher standard. I understand the importance of providing citizens access to public information and support transparency for government,” stated Lee County Clerk and Comptroller Linda Doggett. “Our recognition of Sunshine Week serves to reaffirm the commitment we have to uphold open government in Florida and defend each citizen’s right to know.”

Clerks and Comptrollers not only provide access to financial information and official records, but also perform audits to ensure that tax dollars are being used correctly to guarantee efficiency, transparency, and oversight of government. They also have an integral role in public safety through the prompt transmission of criminal justice information and court-related mental health records required for background checks and weapon permitting.

Clerk Linda Doggett holds free public seminars to educate the community on how to use the Lee County Clerk website [www.leeclerk.org](http://www.leeclerk.org) to search public records and how to better understand the information that is available. Join us on:

### **The Value of Searching Public Records and Online Services**

#### **Wednesday – April 4, 2018**

Lakes Regional Library  
15290 Bass Rd., Fort Myers 33919  
1:30pm – 3:30pm

#### **Thursday – September 20, 2018**

Cape Coral Public Library  
921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Cape Coral 33914  
1:30pm – 3:30pm

### **Understanding Foreclosure and Tax Deed Sale Process**

#### **Wednesday – November 14, 2018**

Fort Myers Regional Library  
2450 First St., Fort Myers 33901  
1:30pm – 3:30pm

Reservations are not required. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis for all seminars.

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