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## **Clerk Doggett hosts free seminar on how to access public records**

FORT MYERS, FLA (August 31, 2018) – Learn how to search and view Lee County’s civil and criminal court documents and public records at a free seminar hosted by Clerk Linda Doggett. The workshop will be held Sept. 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cape Coral Public Library.

Attendees will learn how to get free copies of their mortgages, deeds, marriage licenses and other official county records from the newly redesigned website. Information on how to participate in foreclosure and tax deed auctions will also be presented.

“This seminar gives Lee County residents helpful tips on researching prospective tenants, doctors, contractors, employees, and even people they are dating,” Doggett said. “Knowing how to access your public records can help you make informed decisions and avoid dangerous pitfalls and scams.”

Other topics covered at the seminar include how to:

- pay traffic tickets online;
- access the county’s financial and audit reports;
- request redaction of confidential information;
- postpone jury duty; and,
- report suspected guardianship fraud.

Registration is not required, but seating is limited on a first come, first served basis. The library is located at 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace in Cape Coral.

For more information, contact the Clerk’s Community Relations Manager Rita Miller at [rmiller@leeclerk.org](mailto:rmiller@leeclerk.org).

### **ABOUT THE CLERK’S OFFICE:**

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of the Circuit Court as a public trustee, responsible for safeguarding public records and public funds. Clerk Linda Doggett is directly elected by and accountable to Lee County residents. In addition to the role of Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Clerk is the County Recorder and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor for Lee County.

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