



## **KEN BURKE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Clerk's Finance Division Earns 25<sup>th</sup> GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence**

The Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, announced Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

GFOA notes that the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

A GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Finance Division as the agency primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR and the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was specifically presented to Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

"This is a distinguished honor for any government, but to have earned it for 25 consecutive years is a remarkable accomplishment," said Burke.

The CAFR has been 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 to read the CAFR, according to a GFOA press release.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals in Chicago, Ill., and Washington D.C. More information is available on the organization's website, <http://www.gfoa.org/>.

More information about the Clerk's Office is available at <http://www.pinellasclerk.org>.

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#### **ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all County Funds.