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Clerk's Self Help Center offers online scheduling of attorney consultations

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLA - Beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2009, citizens will be able to schedule an appointment with an attorney at the Clerk's Self Help Center for affordable legal services via the Clerk's website, <http://www.mypinellasclerk.org>, Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, announced today.

Available from any computer, this remote access to the two Centers' calendars and payment processing will eliminate the need to visit the Centers in order to set up an appointment.

By paying with a credit card from the convenience of home, citizens may schedule an appointment to have an attorney review their small claims, landlord/tenant and/or family law forms before filing them in court. Previously, citizens were required to visit one of the Centers in order to schedule an appointment as pre-payment is required, according to Burke.

"The online service walks users through scheduling and paying with a credit card for an appointment to consult with a Self Help Center attorney," said Burke. "Once they have completed the payment, their appointment is scheduled in our system."

The new online attorney appointment "reservation" system also includes a helpful Civil Court terminology glossary.

Citizens are advised that they may not reschedule appointments and there are no refunds.

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