



## **KEN BURKE, CPA**

### **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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## **Clerk of Court's Self Help Center receives award**

Pinellas County's Clerk of the Circuit Court's Legal Self Help Center was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services.

Recognition was given to the Legal Self Help center because of the "unique partnership between court and private bar", "innovative approach to scheduling attorney consultations" and because it "offers an exemplary model of affordable legal services programming".

"These people would have never had this opportunity to get help without the Self Help Center," said Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court. "We are really proud of the service and what it offers to the public. The best part of my job is reading the comment cards and seeing how appreciative people are of the Self Help Center. And the best part about it is that it does not cost the taxpayer any money."

The Legal Self Help Center has assisted over 6,000 individuals since they opened the doors to the first two locations in October 2007 and the third in March 2010.

Established in 1994, the Louis M. Brown Award, which is awarded annually, honors programs and projects that creatively contribute to the delivery of legal services, information and representation to individuals of middle class and moderate incomes with unmet legal needs.

Please visit [www.mypinellasclerk.org](http://www.mypinellasclerk.org) for more information about Pinellas County's Self Help Centers.

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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.