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Clerk Offers User-Friendly, Legal-Form Software Online

Citizens have a new convenient option of using helpful software to complete forms at home.

PINELLAS COUNTY - Beginning August 4, 2008, the Clerk's Self Help Center for affordable legal services made its user-friendly software available online through the Clerk's website, <http://www.pinellasclerk.org>, Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, announced .

Available from any computer, this remote access to the legal forms required for filing tenant evictions, divorce and small claims cases eliminates the need to visit the Clerk's Self Help Center for assistance.

By paying with a credit card, citizens may use the software to complete small claims, landlord/tenant and family law forms from the convenience of their home computer.

The software contains "easy-to-follow instructions" for completing the paperwork.

"It walks users through filling out forms. The user simply answers questions about their case and the software populates the legal form by inserting the answers in the right space," said Burke. "Once they have completed answering the questions, the software will generate the forms in a neat, printable format."

The user will have the access to their online forms to make changes for up to seven days, after which the forms will no longer be available to view or print. The \$5.00 fee for use of this specialized software, plus the cost of the applicable packet is payable by credit card, according to Burke.

"After you conveniently complete your forms at home, your paperwork can be filed in the Clerk's Office accompanied by the appropriate filing fees listed in the instructions, said Burke.

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