



Letter from the Chairman

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the CCOC Newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to enhance communication among CCOC's membership and to ensure Clerks have a reliable and current source of information as we collaborate to achieve our mutual goals. Effective communication is essential for the strong partnerships Clerks must forge to provide excellent service in a time of great fiscal challenge. I'd like to recognize the Clerks and staff members who have worked so diligently on the various CCOC committees to carry out our mission.

- Committee chairpersons have dedicated numerous hours to fulfilling the responsibilities of CCOC. Thanks to Bob Inzer, Buddy Irby, Harvey Ruvn, Neil Kelly and Sharon Bock.
- John Dew and the CCOC staff deserve special recognition for their professionalism and the high-quality services provided to the Council and membership.
- Ken Burke has been instrumental in continuing the dialogue between CCOC and FACC. I look forward to building upon the foundation of cooperation we've established.

It is my honor to serve as the chairman of the CCOC Executive Council.

Approval of Clerk Trust Fund Loan Request Expected by Governor

At their December 5th meeting, the State Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), reduced its [SFY 11/12 revenue forecast](#) for the Clerk's Trust Fund. The REC recognized that court cases across the board have been decreasing. A CCOC revenue and case tracking report shows an 8.5% decrease in new case filings for the first quarter (July-Sept. 2011) compared to the same quarter of 2010. Additionally, [the report](#) shows a 10% decrease across the board for

*Happy holidays
from the CCOC*

Calendar of Events

January 10	Legislative Session <i>January 10 - March 9</i>
January 10	Submit December Revenues to DOR
January 20	Quarterly Reports Due

CCOC Links

[Significant Improvements in Timeliness Measures](#)

[CCOC Reviewing Required Reports to Reduce Workload](#)

[4th Quarter "True Up" Still Required by Law](#)

Other

The Corporation Office will be closed December 23rd, 26th & January 2nd.



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key fines, filing fees and service charge revenue categories. The CCOC submitted [a request](#) for \$12.4 million from the Governor to assure adequate funding through March 2012. Staff in the Governor's office indicate the loan is expected to be approved. In addition, funding will be sought from the Legislature this session to help ensure Clerks have sufficient dollars to get through the remaining months of the state fiscal year.



Clerks' Legislative Budget Request Submitted

The Corporation met its statutory obligation per section 28.36, Florida Statute, and submitted the Clerks' SFY 2012-13 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) by the December 1 deadline. At just over \$444 million, the total operating budget request is less than the SFY 2011-12 budget authority. Additional funding requests and budgetary information is provided in the LBR. Read the full [SFY 2012-13 Clerks' LBR...](#)

Our Mission:

As a governmental organization created by the Legislature, we evaluate Clerks' court-related budgetary needs and recommend the fair and equitable allocation of resources needed to sustain court operations.

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