



I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season. I hope you spend time making happy memories and relaxing in the company of family, friends and good food.

As 2013 winds down, I want to thank you for the many kindnesses you have extended me in my first year as Clerk. I look forward to continuing to serve you and solicit your input and suggestions.

We look back with gratitude on our accomplishments and look forward to achieving our goals in the coming year. E-Filing, e-recording, e-service, enhanced online access to court pleadings and new software in traffic and jury are just some of the strides we've made the last twelve months. Stay tuned for future informational updates.

Happy New Year!

Stacy

THE BUTTERFIELD BRIEF

December 2013



E-RECORDING HAS ARRIVED

December 2, 2013, marked the advent of e-Recording in the Clerk's Office. We accepted our first electronically recorded documents, including deeds, mortgages and affidavits submitted by title companies, banks, and attorneys. E-recording is the process of submitting, receiving, and processing documents for recording via the Internet for a fee, simplifying and accelerating all aspects of the recording process, while dramatically improving our ability to provide service to our customers.

Why? It is

- » faster, reducing turnaround time by days
- » more efficient, less paper to scan and less mail to process manually
- » more accurate, fewer errors, correct fee calculation
- » cost effective, saving postage, gas and office supplies
- » secure; original documents never leave the customer's office

Please visit our website at <http://www.polkcountyclerk.net/recordsearch.aspx?id=244> for more information and links to our vendors.

Our website (polkcountyclerk.net) is getting a facelift. The goal is easier use of our online services. Under "Legal Community" on the homepage, you'll find information on eFiling, judicial assignments, and gaining access to records online. Look for the enhancements before the end of 2013.

In addition, a new web application will allow jurors to inquire about summons dates and times, previous service dates, prior excusals or postponements and compensation payments. The application, accessible via PC, tablet or mobile device, will make communication with jurors fast and efficient.

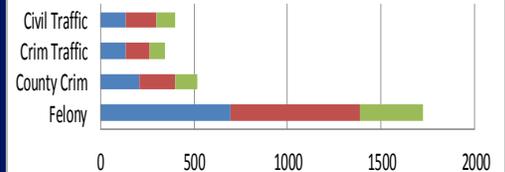
GOIN' TO THE COURTHOUSE AND I'M GONNA GET MARRIED

Plans are being made for a SUPER WEDDING next year on Valentine's Day. We hope to host 50 couples with Clerk Butterfield officiating the ceremony at noon on the steps of the Historic Courthouse in downtown Bartow. Details soon.

Bond Forfeitures and Remissions

If your practice includes representation of bail bond companies, take a look at the slide show on the Clerk's website www.polkcountyclerk.net/ in the "News" section for helpful information, provided as another service from your Clerk's Office.

Criminal eFiling Statistics



	Felony	County Crim	Crim Traffic	Civil Traffic
Oct	696	208	135	136
Nov	692	193	130	164
Dec	336	116	82	100

RECORDS NG

Records NG (Next Generation, no relation to Star Trek), an upgrade to our current system, was launched in the Clerk's Official Records Department in November. The new technology improves accuracy, staff productivity, and public access to records.

Our staff is now able to integrate batch scanning using scanner barcode recognition, allowing the scanning of large groups of documents in a single step. Records NG also includes advanced search functionality with new features such as multiple name searches, multiple criteria searches and a user customizable interface.

We look forward to hearing your comments about this latest development as we continue to seek out the most efficient ways to serve you.