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As you are aware, Governor Murphy recently signed P.L. 2021, c.371, which created the Office of Information Privacy (OIP) in the Department of Community Affairs to facilitate the State's implementation of Daniel's Law. Daniel's Law was enacted in response to the tragic death of Daniel Anderl, the son of Judge Esther Salas and Mark Anderl. The law prohibits disclosure of the residential addresses of certain Covered persons on websites controlled by State, County, and local government agencies. The community of covered persons includes active and retired judicial officers, prosecutors and members of the law enforcement community and their immediate family members residing in the same household. The OIP has begun its work and assistance is needed by all in this mandate.

The law allows Authorized Persons, which includes covered persons and certain other authorized individuals, to request the redaction of covered addresses from government records. The OIP has begun to develop the rules, policies, and procedures that Authorized Persons will use when they request the redaction of these residences from State, County and Municipal Agencies websites and records. These guidelines also will inform agencies of the steps they will follow when a redaction request has been approved by the OIP in order to securely receive this information. The creation of standard operating procedures for this effort is critical for its success. At present, they are a work in progress, as is the OIP Portal, which will be the pathway to achieving the most effective compliance with this challenging and inspiring legislation. The Portal is on schedule to be available by July 12, 2022. It will be the landing place for all Authorized Persons and public agencies to initiate and achieve compliance with Daniel's Law.

The OIP is aware that some Counties and Cities already have taken steps toward compliance, which Daniel's Law permits. However, the redaction of a Covered Person's residence from a County or local website does not guarantee its removal from all State or other government websites. No Covered person should be led to conclude that a request to their County Clerk or other local official for this protection will provide complete redaction coverage across all State, County, and local sites. Making the request through the OIP Portal will be the key to receiving that broad coverage and will best achieve the uniformity and consistency that are critical to the successful implementation of Daniel's Law. As such, although the law permits public agencies to honor requests for redaction prior to the January 13, 2023, date when compliance is required, the OIP would remind agencies that such actions are not required prior to that time and may even serve to confuse Covered Persons by improperly suggesting that their information is universally redacted. Guidance as to how the Office of Information Privacy will effectively collaborate to accomplish this will come from the OIP in the weeks ahead.

Please note that this does not constitute legal advice and agencies should consult with their counsel if they receive any requests from a Covered Person who is in an emergent situation.

The Office of Information Privacy suggests that you inform the Covered Persons you work with of the need to establish an account on the *MyNewJersey* website. When the OIP Portal is available, they will use the MyNJ login to access the portal to access the Portal. While most active Covered Persons already have such accounts, retired or formerly active Covered Persons may not. Taking this step now will allow them to submit their requests as soon as the OIP is ready to receive them.

If you need to reach out to the Office of Information Privacy you can contact Director Christine Campbell at 609-815-3941 or email: OIP@dca.nj.gov.

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People Page

The People Page is an opportunity for the members of our Association to celebrate each other's achievements both professionally and personally, as well as to share our condolences during times of sorrow. Additionally, when we as Clerks have an opportunity to participate in community events that are afforded to us as a result of our position, it is another example of something to share on the People's Page. Please feel free to share. Send your submissions to the email of: peoplepage@MCANJ.us along with a picture and caption to be included in future editions of the Quill.

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to East Brunswick Township Clerk Nannette Perry on her retirement after 39 years of service to her Township!

Congratulations to Mahwah Township Clerk Kathy Coviello on her retirement.

Flemington Borough Clerk Sallie Graziano was presented a engraved vase and flowers by Hunterdon County Clerk Association President Ceil Covino of the Town of Clinton on her retirement effective August

After 32 years of service to the Township of Livingston, including more than 20 years of service as the Livingston Township Clerk and more than a decade as municipal prosecutor, longtime Livingston resident Glenn Turtletaub has announced his intention to retire from his current position as Township Clerk later this year.



Congratulations to Tara Rowley of the Town of Westfield on your retirement! Enjoy!

Congratulations Kathleen Wells (pictured on right) of Eagleswood Township on your retirement.



Two retirees were announced in Bergen County, Carole D'Amico from the City of Lodi retired in April and Lisa Duncan from the Borough of Oakland retired on June 1st. Congratulations ladies and enjoy!

MCANJ Retirement Gift

If you or someone from your County is planning on or has retired, please let your MCANJ County Representative know so that the Association can provide a retirement gift on behalf of the MCANJ for active members. County Representatives should contact Lucy Samuelsen, Treasurer @ treasurer@mcanj.us. Please be sure to include the individual's name and address where it can be mailed. Please ensure that you provide as much advance notice as possible so that it can be presented at a retirement party or last town meeting, etc.

MCANJ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Do you know a Municipal Clerk, Acting Municipal Clerk, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Assistant Municipal Clerk, County Clerk, Deputy County Clerk, Commissioner Clerk or a Deputy Commissioner Clerk who is a current member of MCANJ (Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey) and they bring positive attention to the role of "Clerk"? They are eligible for nomination!!!! We want to recognize a MCANJ member who promotes their position as "Clerk" through civic activities and events in their work or home community that is outside the scope of their normal duties and responsibilities. Nominees who are selected for recognition will be announced through electronic communications and posted on the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey website. So if you know a fellow Clerk was has been doing amazing things. Go to the MCANJ website at www.njclerks. org, fill out the Spotlight Nomination Form and send it to Kim Marie White at president@mcanj.us so we can all celebrate this achievement!!

People Page

TRANSITIONS/NEWLY APPOINTED CLERKS



Livingston Township Appoints Carolyn Mazzucco as Township Clerk (Pictured Above).

Congratulations to Paula Geletei of Atlantic City on earning her Master Municipal Clerk Certification through the IIMC! Congratulations Paula!



Laura Reinertsen was sworn to the position of Municipal Clerk for Red Bank April 1, succeeding Pam Borghi, who retired in February after 28 years as a borough employee, the last 12 as Clerk.

The Board of Commissioners have named Neptune City Municipal Clerk Tamara Brown to be the Board's Clerk, replacing long time Board Clerk Marion Masnick.



Congratulations to Maureen Lawshe on being appointed as the Municipal Clerk for the Town of Westfield. Also, Nathalie Berrier has been appointed as the Deputy Clerk. (Maureen is pictured left being sworn in by retiring clerk Tara Rowley. Congratulations to All!!



Bernards Township Clerk Pisano (Above) Reappointed For Another 3-Year Term.



Madeline Medina (Pictured on the left) was appointed for a second three-year term at the April 20 City Council meeting, after having already made history as the first African American and female city clerk in Bayonne.



Tamar Lawful RMC, CMR (above) was appointed as East Brunswick Township Clerk during the regular meeting of the Township Council on Monday, March 28, 2022, effective April 1, 2022.



Here's a picture of hard working and dedicated Califon Borough Municipal Clerk, Karen Mastro. (On the left) Town Council sent her flowers for Municipal Clerks Week.



Congratulations to Joe Giralo (pictured left) on your new role as Atlantic County Clerk.

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Other Clerk News



Monmouth County Clerk Hanlon honored by the Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce as 2022 Community Ambassador.



Condolences to the Family and Friends of retired Ramsey Borough Clerk Nancy Ecke Hohmann who passed away on March 16, 2022. May She Rest In Peace.



Congratulations to Greenwich Township/Bloomsbury Borough Clerk Lisa Burd on the arrival of her 2nd grandchild. This little fellow entered the world on April 4, 2022 weighing in at 7lbs, 10 oz., 20.5" long.

Welcome to the world Everette James!! Congratulations Lisa and to your daughter and son-n-law!





Congratulations to Englewood City Clerk Yancy Wazirmas on being recognized during the First Annual Women's Appreciation Awards by her Prospect Park hometown Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah on March 20, 2022 at the Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson, New Jersey for her dependability and commitment to serving with honesty and integrity as a trailblazer in public service. Thank you Yancy on being such a great role model for young women!

Retired Branchburg Clerk Sharon Brienza had her photo selected out of 600 pictures entered for a photo contest at Beebe Hospital in Delaware. She submitted five photos and one was selected. Her amazing photo now resides on the wall on the 1st floor at the elevator of the state-of-art surgical center. Congratulations Sharon! (Pictured Below)







Former Township Clerk of Union Township Mary Liotta's son, Ray Liotta passed away on May 26th. Ray was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame's Class of 2016. During his speech, he reflected on his childhood in Union. He played youth sports there. Ray was known for his roles in the movies "Goodfellas" and "Field of Dreams". "At this time, the Township of Union is exploring various options on how best to honor/remember Ray Liotta," Union Mayor Manuel Figueiredo told *New Jersey Monthly* in an emailed statement, "We are allowing the family and loved ones time to grieve and process his untimely death before we make any definitive decisions."

News/Updates

Attn: Municipal Clerks

Kiersten Pentony, Lieutenant of the Corruption- South Unit with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Public Integrity and Accountability along with detectives in her unit will be going to various municipal buildings to make contact with the Municipal Clerks and CFOs as a way to introduce themselves and let you know that they are here to help and answer any questions or concerns. They will be starting out in the Burlington and Camden areas. MCANJ is letting our members know they will be around and let them know if you have any questions.

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Trenton, NJ 08625
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Upcoming Legislation to Watch

The following bills have been reviewed and discussed by the NJLM League Legislation Committee. As they progress in Trenton we will keep you informed:

<u>A-3915/S-2527</u> Requires State to pay for costs to conduct new election if the State is at fault for errors during initial election that requires new election to be held. *NJLM asked for this bill to be held and will ask the Sponsor to include Counties as well.*

<u>A-460</u> – Allows municipalities to transfer inactive alcoholic beverage retail licenses for use in redevelopment, improvement, or revitalization areas under certain circumstances. *NJLM took no action and asked for more information from Sponsors*.

<u>A-3843/S-2715</u> – Permits limited breweries to offer certain food to consumers and coordinate food service with certain third party vendors. *NJLM took no action as the bill proposed was unclear.*

<u>A-3846/S-2670</u> - Allows small private theater used for musical or theatrical performances to acquire alcoholic beverage retail license. *NJLM approves this bill.*

<u>A-4094</u> – Requires redaction and nondisclosure of home address of elected officials and candidates for elected office. *NJLM approves this bill*.

S-2603/A-4119 - Allows public bodies to conduct meetings by electronic means. NJLM approves this bill.

S-2709 - Permits appointment of additional alternate deputy registrars. NJLM approves this bill.

<u>A-1903/S-2803</u> – Provides that public school used as polling place shall not be open for classes on day of election. *NJLM approves this bill and asked that it be amended to include an option for virtual classes.*

<u>A-4193/S-2759</u>— Adjusts municipal ballot question for amusement games for future elections. *NJLM took no action and asked for more clarification.*

A-3566 Permits police officers to be assigned to polling places located at public schools. NJLM approves this bill.

<u>A-3106/S-756</u>—Allows seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license holder to exchange license for a full-year consumption license. *NJLM supports this bill with conditions and further reform is needed.*

<u>A-3150</u> Permits issuance of special license in certain municipalities with shopping malls. *NJLM supports this bill and requested a definition of a "mall" and minimum square footage.*

<u>A-339</u> Prohibits ABC from charging fee to municipality for plenary retail consumption license. *NJLM approves this bill*.

<u>S-2278</u>-Prohibits restrictions or requirements concerning control or ownership of dogs based solely on breed or size. *NJLM opposes this bill because these items are mandated already*.



Message from Past President Kim Marie White



Happy Summer! I hope everyone can grab some "me time" in the sun by the pool, at the beach, or just relaxing anywhere! In my last president's message do I say goodbye or farewell? As I will most likely see everyone again, let's go with "I'll see you soon". This past year has been so gratifying and truly amazing for me as the President of the MCANJ. I met so many new people, and it was wonderful that so many of you called my office to just say hello and introduce yourselves. I also greatly appreciate all the thank you cards I received for being your president. I'll still be around for a while and I leave you in the very capable hands of President-elect Cafone. Denise is going to be a great President for the MCANJ and you can reach out to her as well. I will forever cherish the MCANJ like family and they will always be an extension of me. Remember to take care of yourself and make the time to decompress, even if it's only ten minutes. We are constantly doing more work with less people and let's face it, this pandemic has not helped. I still can't fill a vacant public works laborers position for my town. Right now, I don't see it getting better, but I try to think positively that it will soon. To everyone that passed the RMC exam in April, congratulations to you! To those that did not pass, please review your exam so you know what areas to concentrate your studies, focus on and then go back and take it again. Have a great rest of the year and if you ever need me, please reach out. I will end with, "Have a Disney Day!"







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2022-2023 MCANJ Membership

Simply log onto www.njclerks.org Click on Membership Application and complete. Thank you for your support of the MCANJ this past year. Membership along with your involvement is essential to our organization, which is very much appreciated!

We know that you're busy, but just wanted to take the time to remind you that your current MCANJ membership expired June 30, 2022.

MCANJ members enjoy the many benefits of exclusive membership; access to the website, legislative updates, networking, and reduced registration rates for statewide educational opportunities.

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2022/2023 MCANJ REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

MCANJ is now accepting New and Renewal Membership Applications for the FY2022/2023 through our online system.

Membership in the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey offers an instant network to hundreds of the most professional local government officials in New Jersey and beyond.

MCANJ offers meaningful and affordable educational opportunities to its members through an Annual Education Conference, as well as webinars throughout the year. Registered Municipal Clerks can earn continuing education credits towards their certification renewal at these sessions.

The MCANJ also keeps abreast of changes in Trenton and disseminates this information to its membership through its continued communications.

The Municipal Clerk Association of New Jersey serves the oldest of local government officials, offers camaraderie like no other; with members assisting when needed especially to non-seasoned Municipal Clerks or Municipal Clerks who may have faced a particular situation before. Municipal Clerks will undoubtedly develop new and long-lasting friendships when they join the MCANJ.

MCANJ offers the following classes of membership:

Regular Membership – Any person holding the office of Municipal Clerk, Acting Municipal Clerk, County Clerk, or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of any municipality or county in New Jersey (\$100 Annual Fee)

Associate Membership – Any person holding the office of Deputy or Assistant Municipal Clerk, Deputy County Clerk, or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (\$75 Annual Fee)

Affiliate Member – Any person holding any governmental or education office of employment, or any person interested in promoting the objectives of the Association who is not eligible for Regular, Associate or Honorary membership. (\$75 Annual Fee)

Honorary Membership – Any Regular, Associate or Affiliate Member in good standing upon retirement. *(\$0 Annual Fee)* (Honorary Members must still renew their membership online each year even though there is no annual fee. This is so we have your most up to date contact information).

The annual membership term is from July 1st to June 30th. Registration online is simple and quick. You do not need to send your PO for our signature, as the confirmation/invoice which is generated from the system has been approved by the Local Finance Board to be acceptable for use by counties and municipalities in the State.

Visit njclerks.org to register now!

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND



The Legal Defense Fund was established by the Municipal Clerks' Association to financially assist Municipal Clerks when actions have been taken against them in the performance of their duties.

With initial membership costing \$75.00, and \$25.00 annually thereafter to renew, the Legal Defense Fund could prove to be your most valuable insurance coverage. This fund exists for the protection of its members and anyone who is not currently a member, is encouraged to join. *Initial membership and renewals will begin on August 1st.* Please visit njclerks.org to register online. The deadline for joining in November 1st.

Due to a vacancy on the Executive Board, we are seeking applications to fill the secretary position. Anyone that is interested in serving MCANJ please submit a completed application by July 31, 2022.

Thank you!

Article VI Section 1.1. of the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc., specifies, "Any individual seeking to be a candidate for Secretary must file with the Secretary not later than January 15th of the current year of the Annual Business Meeting. No additional applications shall be accepted after this date."

Article VI Section 1.3. specifies the criteria for eligibility to seek office: "All candidates shall have tenure of office, shall have experience and training for that office, shall have received the certification of Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC), and shall be actively employed as a Municipal Clerk."

For anyone seeking the position of Secretary on the Executive Board for the fiscal year 2022 - 2023 the following application must be filed by **July 31, 2022** to be eligible for consideration by the membership. This position shall serve from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and will begin immediately upon appointment.

Name:							
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Municipality Employe	ed by:						
Position:							
** Date of Original Ap	ppointment:						
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(Municipa		as a Municipal Clerk and am qualified to su	ubmit				
my name as a candida	ate for the office of Seci	retary of the MCANJ for fiscal year 2022-2023.					
 Signature	Date						
*	* Attach certified copies	s of Resolutions of Appointment and RMC Certificate.					

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **JULY 31, 2022**, AND MUST BE MAILED/EMAILED TO:

Kim-Marie White, Past President Eastampton Township

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IIMC UPDATES

Hello Region II and welcome to Summer 2022!

Region II welcomes Travis O. Morris as our new Region II Director. Travis joins us from Albermarle County, VA. Please welcome him on the IIMC Region II team by contacting him at tmorris2@albemarle.org.

We have been most blessed these past three years with the dedication of Terri Hudson as our Region II representative. Thank you Terri for everything you do for everyone throughout all of Region II. You can share your personal gratitude to Terri by contacting her at thudson@milford-de.gov.



Region II by the numbers:

	Region II IIMC Membership	Region II CMCs	Region II MMCs	Region II Athe- nian Fellows	Region II Confer- ence Attendees
DE	47	13	6	3	5
District of Colum- bia	1				
MD	77	21	13	2	9
NJ	227	65	22	4	11
PA	33	11	2		2
VA	186	58	38	6	7
WV	19	3	9	5	1

The Quill Award is a prestigious award established to recognize a Municipal Clerk who has distinguished themselves by making a significant and exemplary contribution to their community, their state, and in particular, IIMC and their peers. One of three 2022 recipients was our very own Region II Vincent Buttiglieri!

Congratulations Vinnie!

 $\label{limc} \textbf{IIMC} \ welcomes \ the following \ new \ staff:$

Beatrice Rodriquez, Director of Professional Development

Jai Ulrich, Education and Conference Coordinator

Enjoy a great day and a beautiful summer, Diane Pflugfelder, Region II Director





At the IIMC 76th Annual Conference we had an impressive Region II representation.

Region II met at the Copper Grill, 300 East Third St, Little Rock on Monday, May 23rd and had approximately 20 individuals join us for a great fellowship gathering.

Congratulations to Lucy Samuelson as an IIMC Region II Annual Conference grant recipient.

Save the date: 2023 IIMC Region II Conference, 11-13 January 2023

Hosted by the Maryland Clerks Association in Fredrick, Maryland

Did you know?

Municipal Clerks no longer certify the winners of the County Committee the County Clerk does. It was changed in PL 2021, c. 108. See text changes below:

3. R.S.19:23-54 is amended to read as follows: 29 19:23-54. The Municipal Clerk shall [forthwith] canvass the statements of the district board, not later than the third day after they are received, as far as they relate to the election of members of the County Committee of any political party, and, after counting information on write-in votes, vote by mail ballots, and provisional ballots received from the County Clerk or Board of Elections, as appropriate, shall issue a certificate of election to each person shown by the returns [filed in the office of such Municipal Clerk] to have been so elected.

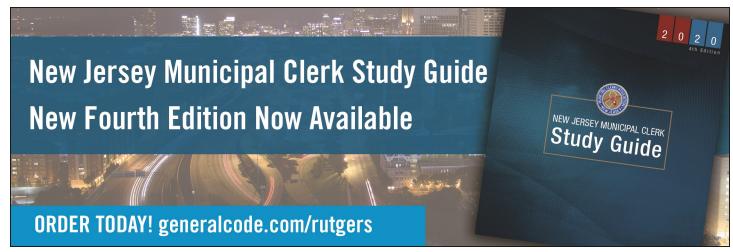
The [Municipal] County Clerk shall within thirteen days after the primary election certify [to the County Clerk and also] to the County board two copies of the names and post-office addresses of the persons elected as members of the County Committee of the several political parties, together with the ward, district or unit which they respectively represent. (cf: P.L.2020, c.71, s.4) 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

P.L. 2022, c. 23, signed by Governor Murphy on June 30th, waives license fees for marriages and civil unions from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Municipal licensing officers collect a \$3 fee for issuing a marriage or civil union license. In addition to this fee, these officers also are required to collect a \$25 fee for each license, to be forwarded to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing shelter-related services to victims of domestic violence. Both of these fees are now waived through June 30, 2023. During this period, a licensing officer shall not charge or collect a fee for issuing a marriage license or civil union license from an applicant. The State shall reimburse a municipality for the license fees suspended during this period. Further guidance on the reimbursement process will be forthcoming.

A3733 - **P.L. 2022, c. 40** College Credit for Serving as Poll Workers: authorizes students attending institutions of higher education to earn credit towards graduation for serving as poll workers. Permits an institution of higher education to award and apply academic credit for each full shift of service a student serves as a poll worker. The student is also entitled to receive their pay as a poll worker and cannot be required to forego the pay as a condition of receiving the academic credit. The law took effect on June 30, 2022.

On June 21, 2022, the New Jersey Appellate Division in <u>S.W. v. Elizabeth Board of Education</u> confirmed in an unpublished opinion that a request made under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") to an attorney for a public entity is invalid. The Appellate Division held that OPRA explicitly requires a request for access to a government record to be "to the appropriate custodian," and Counsel for a Board of Education is not a custodian within the meaning of OPRA under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g).



A Message from Incoming President Denise Cafone

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer spending time with family, friends and exploring new adventures. As I start to write this article, I stop to wonder where has the time gone. I remember being so nervous as I took the Oath of Office as Secretary in Atlantic City under Past President Kevin Galland. The time finally arrived on July 1, 2022, where I begin my term as President of the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey and most importantly as your President. In the beginning of 2022, the world really began to move forward with lifting a great deal of mandates due to Covid-19 and we were able to have our first in-person conference in Atlantic City after two years being virtual and <u>WOW</u> what a conference it was. Thank you to Past President Kim-Marie White and her Conference Committee for taking us down the yellow brick road to an outstanding conference! Job well done!

Congratulations to Allan Susen from the Borough of Haledon as the Municipal Clerk of the Year.

To my fellow Executive Board Members- 1st Vice President Michele Bobrowski, 2nd Vice President Deanna Bennett, Treasurer Nancy Bretzger, Executive Director Joel Popkin, Attorney Thomas Prol and the Association's new Assistant Executive Director Vinnie Buttiglieri, I look forward to working together in continuing to move this Association forward. I would like to acknowledge and thank out-going Past President Kim-Marie White for her many years of dedication and service to the Association and always being there for me. Kim-Marie you are not even close to being done; and to Treasurer Lucy Samuelson, thank you for your service on the Executive Board. To the Advisory Board Members, Committee Members, and retired volunteers I thank you for continuing to serve MCANJ and provide so much knowledge that helps us for planning and moving forward to the future.

Since the first day I began on the Executive Board I realized the importance of being involved. For any Municipal Clerk who thinks or is hesitant about getting involved, <u>don't</u>! You need to get involved as it will be a great experience for you, trust me! I am here to attest to that.

You can begin helping your fellow Municipal Clerks by taking baby steps. You can test the waters before you fully commit to jumping in. There are Committee vacancies that still need to be filled. It's not a big commitment and you can make a change and a difference by serving on one of these Committees by offering your knowledge, opinion, and advice. During conferences we can always use help with scanning badges or introducing speakers. If you are interested in serving on a Committee or helping out at a conference, just pick up the phone and call me at the office, 973-882-2700, ext. 2501 or shoot me a quick email at president@mcanj.us. Any of us on the Executive Board can guide you or answer a question you may have. To all the newly appointed Municipal Clerks reading this, join a Committee as there is so much knowledge that we all gain when we work together.

I can not stress enough that the Municipal Clerk Association provides tools to help you grow and advance in your career. There are scholarships available to earn your Certified Municipal Clerk or your Master Municipal Clerk certifications. For those out there who are Deputy Clerks or Acting Municipal Clerks and are working on obtaining your Registered Municipal Clerk certification and your Municipality will not pay for your classes, the Municipal Clerk Association offers scholarships as well for those courses through Rutgers. No one applies for any of these scholarships and there is money available to help you better yourself, make you stand out and be on top of your game. Please, utilize and apply for these scholarships. Scholarship applications can be found on the MCANJ website.

The Legal Defense Fund will be accepting registrations beginning on August 1st through November 1st. As a Municipal Clerk, joining the Legal Defense Fund is the best money you can buy when it comes to protecting yourself and your job if you are in that position. The Legal Defense Fund has helped many Municipal Clerks who have been in difficult situations and needed help. We as Municipal Clerks possess knowledge and experience that can be passed on to each other. When it comes to the Municipal Clerks of New Jersey "It's a Small World". We are here for one another, we are here to support one another, and we are here to grow together.

If you need anything, whether advice, have a question to ask, or just need to talk/vent-l'm here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out!



President Cafone being sworn in as Secretary to the MCANJ in 2018 on the right and being sworn in as President in 2022 on the left.



76th IIMC Annual Conference: Little Rock, Arkansas

SUNDAY, MAY 22 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022



The 76th Annual IIMC Conference in Little Rock Arkansas was another awesome conference and the Arkansas Clerks did a "woo pig sooie" job welcoming everyone to the "Diamond State". The sessions and keynote speakers were amazing and everyone in attendance left with so much knowledge to bring back to their offices. About a dozen Clerks from New Jersey headed down South for this Conference. Congratulations to Diane Pflugfelder, Liberty Township Clerk/IIMC Region II Director, Michele Bobrowski, Alexandria Township Clerk and Paula Geletei of Atlantic City for earning their Athenian Fellows. A big congratulations goes out to Retired Ocean Township Clerk Vinny Buttiglieri for receiving the Quill Award, the most prestigious award bestowed upon a Clerk by the IIMC. Vinny was also presented with the Lifetime Honorary Membership to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks by IIMC President Sherri Pierce of Valdez, Alaska. President Kim-Marie White carried the flag for the State of New Jersey in the Parade of Flags during the opening ceremonies.



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