

Biography

Crystal K. Kinzel Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Crystal K. Kinzel has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University and she is a Certified Government Financial Manager. She began her career in accounting and finance working for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), followed by a position with NASDAQ in Washington D.C. At the age of 29, Crystal was the youngest person ever to be appointed as Finance Director for the City of Key West. Her career path brought her to the Bay Medical Center in Panama City, Florida, where she ascended to the position of acting finance director before relocating to Collier County.

In 1988, Sheriff Don Hunter appointed Crystal as Finance Director for the Collier County Sheriff's Office; a position that she held for 16 years. In 2005, she joined the Office of the Collier County Clerk of Courts, serving as the Director of Finance and Internal Audit until 2016 when Clerk of Courts Dwight Brock named her his Chief Deputy.

After Mr. Brock's death in 2018, Governor Rick Scott named Crystal the interim clerk, and in August 2018 the citizens of Collier County elected her Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller. Her many years of experience with the Sheriff and the Clerk, as well as her prior experiences, prepared her well for this very important role.

Crystal is an active member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and a graduate of both the Chamber's *Leadership Institute* and *Leadership Collier*. She was one of the five women founders of *Youth Leadership Collier*, and is very proud of that program's many years of success guiding students toward becoming ethical, community-minded leaders. She is also a founding member of the *Naples Paradise Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA)* and is a member of the *Collier County Identify Theft and Fraud Awareness Task Force*.

A tenacious protector of taxpayer dollars, Crystal and her dedicated staff are committed to safeguarding public funds and providing first-class customer service to the citizens and taxpayers of Collier County.

Crystal and her husband Mike have four adult children and enjoy being grandparents to several grandchildren.

