



**The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy**  
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**Clerk of Courts Officially Begins Second Term**

**January 10, 2013** – Franklin County Clerk of Courts, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy officially renewed her oath for this office on January 7, 2013 with a family book of prayers that once belonged to her uncle and godfather Jerry O'Shaughnessy. The elder O'Shaughnessy had served also on Columbus City Council and in the Ohio House and Senate. The Honorable Judge John A. Connor, of the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals, delivered the oath at a small ceremony in the Clerk's Administrative offices.

Clerk O'Shaughnessy then visited all offices in the Legal and Auto Title Divisions, where she administered the renewal of oaths to the agency's Deputy Clerks. "Each of my 210 Deputy Clerks serves as my right arm. Daily they provide timely, accurate and courtesy service to our agency's customers and all Franklin County residents," said Clerk O'Shaughnessy.

The Clerk's second term officially began her second four-year term on Monday January 7, following a successful and uncontested re-election in last year's November election. More than 365,000 votes were cast for Clerk O'Shaughnessy, the highest number in all local races in that 2011 election.

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The Franklin County Clerk of Courts' functions include: receiving, receipting, managing and retaining all legal documents filed through the Court of Common Pleas; processing vehicular titles; processing U.S. Passport applications; and, recording notaries public's commissions. Staff goals are to be courteous, timely, and accurate in their daily responsibilities