

Get To Know Your Recorder

Terry J. Brown is Franklin County's 29th Recorder. He was elected to office in November of 2012, to his first 4 year term.

Terry has a strong record of public and community service. He has served in the office of the Franklin County Treasurer, the Department of Human Resources under the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and the office of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk. He has also served on the Columbus and Franklin County Joint Benefits Committee, the Franklin County Board of Revision, and as Secretary for the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation.



In addition to his public service, Terry continues to be a dedicated civic servant in the community. Terry is a graduate of Capital University, where he acquired his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Communication Studies. While a student at Capital University, he taught both pre-school and Vacation Bible School, and in 1998, he served as the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge Coordinator. Currently, Terry volunteers for Voice Corps Reading Service for the Blind, is a strong advocate for organ, eye, and tissue donation, and serves as Treasurer for his church, St. Paul United Church of Christ located in Columbus.

Terry has also received several awards for his service to the community. He is the 2008 recipient of The Heart of Ohio Hero Award for the 25th Ohio House District. He was also awarded the Past President's Award and the Barbara Sokol Memorial Award from the Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio. In 2012, Terry was named one of the "Who's Who in GLBT Columbus." In June of this year, Terry was awarded the Patriotic Employer Award from the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Terry and his partner, Joel Bradley, own a home together in the Westgate Park neighborhood of Columbus.

Dear Franklin County Citizen:

I am honored to serve as your 29th County Recorder. My staff and I work diligently each day to preserve documentation and make it available to the public. I hope that you will take the time to use our services.

Whether you are filing documentation, seeking information on your property, researching your genealogy, or obtaining a Veteran ID card we are here to work for you. Please do not hesitate to email, call, or visit our offices to let us know how we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Your Recorder's Office

In Ohio it is the County Recorder who has the important and indispensable task of keeping the vital records pertaining to ownership in real estate (land) and to all encumbrances or liens upon it. Without the work of the County Recorder in recording, safekeeping, and organizing all documents in a competent and logical manner, it would be nearly impossible to purchase land and be assured of a clear title or to lend money with land security.



The Practice of Recording

real estate documents is based on law in England which traveled to the New World with the colonists. Public land registrars were appointed in colonial America to keep accurate records. A system of registration was necessary to prove the rights of persons who first made claims to property.

Today the County Recorder keeps and maintains accurate land records that are current, legible and easily accessible. An important aspect of the Recorder's work is to index each document so it may be readily located. Accurate indexing makes it possible for persons searching land records to find the documents necessary to establish a chain of title (history of ownership) and ensures that any debts or encumbrances against the property are evident. These invaluable records are utilized by the general public, attorneys, historians, genealogists, and land title examiners.

Documents Recorded:

Deeds

Warranty Deeds
Quit Claim Deeds
Survivorship Deeds
Sheriff's Deeds

Mortgages

Mortgage Releases
Assumptions
Encumbrances
Assignments
Subordinations

Certificates of Transfer

Certificate of Title to Registered Land

Land Contracts

Plats

(Drawings showing location of lots and boundaries, usually of subdivided land.)

Condominiums

(Drawings of property where there is individual ownership of portions of a building and joint ownership of common elements.)

Partnership - Power of Attorney

Zoning Resolutions, Maps & Amendments

Annexations - Petitions

State Centerline Surveys
Street Name Changes
Vacating of Street and Alleys

Military Service Discharges - DD214

Financing Statements - Real Estate Only

(Filed under provisions in the Uniform Commercial Code)

Corporate Mergers

Name Changes, Cancellations

Bills of Sale

Living Will

Medical Power of Attorney

Liens

Mechanic's Liens and Notices of Commencement
Recognizance Bond Liens
Corrupt Activity and Medicaid Fraud Liens
Unemployment Compensation Liens
Workers' Compensation Liens and Personal Tax Liens
Federal Tax Liens and Child Support Liens

A Look At What's Happening In Franklin County

Franklin County Veteran ID Program

Recorder your DD214 and obtain your veteran identification card from the Franklin County Recorder, Terry J. Brown.



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Ready to buy a home?
Homeport Home Ownership Office
734 East Long Street
Columbus, OH 43203
614-221-8889 x363

Looking for help getting your finances in order?
Homeport Housing Advisory Center
562 East Main Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-221-8889 x134

Building Vibrant Communities
homeportohio.org

For information on being an organ, eye, and tissue donor, contact:

Lifeline of Ohio
770 Kinnear Road, Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43212
614-291-0660

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