

Two Manatee County Inspector General team members attain industry certification

Bradenton, Fla. – The Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office is proud to announce that two of our Inspector General team members were awarded certifications through the Association of Inspectors General (AIG). On August 27, 2021, Senior Auditors' Glen Riley and Jennifer Bal attained certification as Certified Inspector General Investigators (CIGI).

The Association awards these designations to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements regarding education and experience and upon successful completion of the certification program. The CIGI program curriculum includes a week of intensive training presented by instructors who are current or former inspectors general (IG) and senior IG staff, along with experts in investigative, forensic, and related disciplines. The curriculum covers a variety of subjects, including ethics, legal issues, professional standards, and investigative techniques. Participants are required to pass an exit examination upon completion of the course.

Angel Coloneso, Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, says she is extremely proud of this accomplishment. "These certifications show the dedication that our Inspector General team has to attain the highest standard for investigations. They are extremely professional, and they are committed to upholding industry standards," said Coloneso.

As a designated Inspector General Office, our team has the opportunity to access extensive training in investigative techniques. Additionally, this designation provides another

layer of assurance concerning investigations that our office will undertake.

The Association of Inspectors General is a non-profit, membership organization for agencies and professions in the inspector general community. Its mission is to promote “excellence in the inspector general community by establishing and encouraging adherence to quality standards, sponsoring professional development and networking opportunities, certifying individuals in IG-specific disciplines, supporting offices in governmental and external relations, and inspiring governmental entities to embrace the inspector general model as an effective tool in the fight to combat waste, fraud, and abuse.”

About the Clerk’s Office

The Clerk of Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of all County Funds. In Manatee County, the Clerk’s office also administers a local child support enforcement program, violence protection advocacy program, and Teen Court programs. Located at 1115 Manatee Avenue West in downtown Bradenton, the Courthouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please be sure to visit our website at: www.manateeclerk.com.