

# Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Hon. Lisa Sullivan  
Chief Judge

Hon. Cori E. Barkman, Judge  
Hon. Shannon L. W. Schlegel, Judge

## County Clerk/Register of Deeds Appointment Committee January 13, 2026

Hon. Shannon L. W. Schlegel , Committee Chair  
Hon. Cori E. Barkman, Committee Secretary

The County Clerk/Register of Deeds Appointment Committee announces it is currently accepting applicants for its consideration. The Committee, comprised of the Circuit Court Judges for Clinton County, Shannon L. W. Schlegel, and Cori E. Barkman, is authorized by statute to fill the vacancy that will be created by the retirement of the current officeholder, Debra Sutherland. The appointment is for the remainder of the current term ending December 31, 2028.

Applicants wishing to be considered must send **two (2) packets** of interest that include; a letter of interest, resume and letters of reference. Submissions shall be received by the Committee no later than **12:00 p.m. (Noon) Friday, February 6, 2026.**

Packets of interest may be sent vial mail or hand delivered to:

County Clerk / Register of Deed Appointment Committee  
100 E. State Street – County Clerk’s Office  
St. Johns, Michigan 48879

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age and must be registered and qualified to vote in Clinton County.

For 2026, the annual salary of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds position has been established by the Board of Commissioners as \$96,605.00. The position also offers health and other benefits.

The individual appointed by the committee will hold the position through December 31, 2028. This position is a 4-year term, filled by popular election on a partisan basis and will be by Election at the November 2, 2028, General Election.

Information can be found at: <https://www.clinton-county.org/ClerkRODOverview>