

January 1, 2021

Rachel Sadoff was sworn in as Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ad Interim Friday morning at a small ceremony inside the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center in Viera.

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Lisa Davidson administered the oath of office as family, friends, senior Clerk staff, and former Clerk Scott Ellis looked on in masks.

Former Clerk Scott Ellis resigned from office on Thursday, December 31, 2020. Florida law permits the chief judge of a judicial circuit to appoint a clerk ad interim in the event of the resignation of the officeholder.

Chief Judge Davidson issued an administrative order in December appointing Clerk Ad Interim Sadoff to serve out the remainder of Clerk Ellis's term until her elected term begins on January 5.

"I am honored to lead the dedicated staff at the Clerk's office. Each of them are as committed as I am in providing excellent customer service," said Sadoff.

"Our goal is to expand upon Clerk Ellis's legacy of transparency, accountability, and accessibility that our constituents have come to expect."

She immediately began the work of her office alongside Chief Judge Davidson, both executing critical certificates for record authentication in the courtroom moments after her swearing-in.

Sadoff was elected in 2020 without opposition after former Clerk Ellis declined to seek another term. She is the first female to hold the position of Clerk and Comptroller in Brevard County's 167-year history.