

Pat Collier Frank

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Pat Collier Frank graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Georgetown University School of Law, Washington, D.C. She has had a distinguished career in public service and elective office, commencing with her election to the Hillsborough County School Board (1972-1976) and serving as chair (1975-1976).

In 1976, she was elected to the Florida House of Representatives; in 1978, she was elected to the Florida Senate, where she served until 1988. During her legislative career, she accomplished a number of firsts. Frank was the first woman to receive the Allen Morris award for “Most Effective First-Term Member” by the House and also the first woman nominated “Most Respected Senator” by her Senate colleagues.

Pat Frank has also been a member of the Tampa Hospital Authority and numerous other boards and agencies, where she was in a fiduciary position. Elected to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in 1998, she was elected Chairman by the BOCC for three consecutive years. She was re-elected to the BOCC in 2002.

In 2004, Pat Frank was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court/Comptroller for Hillsborough County. She has received over 50 awards for her public service and volunteer activities. In her present position, she was the recipient of the Chief Judge’s Award for the 13th Judicial Circuit in 2006; in 2007, she was chosen Executive Woman of the Year by the Network of Executive Women. Additional honors include, the Girl Scout Council’s “Women of Distinction”, City of Tampa Human Rights award and Judeo-Christian Clinic Humanitarian of the Year.

Pat Frank has been married over 50 years to Richard Harlan Frank, retired Judge of the 2nd District Court of Appeal. They have three daughters-Stacy Frank, Hillary Frank Aubin and Courtney Frank and two grandchildren.