

## **ANN F. GROSSI, ESQ.**

Morris County Clerk

Morris County Clerk Ann F. Grossi, Esq. is a second generation Italian American, born in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York. She was raised in an apartment building owned by her grandmother along with her aunts, uncles and cousins. The entire neighborhood was one hundred percent Italian.

Although she understood the Italian language, her grandmother would not allow her to speak it because, as she said, “No, Ann, you are an American and in America we speak English.” Her family roots can be traced to the Isle of Sicily. Her father’s family is from Marsala and her mother’s family is from Polizi Generosa; both located within the Provincia de Palermo. At the age of 10, Ann moved from Brooklyn to Parsippany, New Jersey; however, she brought her proud Italian culture and heritage with her.

After attending the County College of Morris, Ann went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts and Master’s Degree from William Paterson College, and subsequently, attended law school at Seton Hall University, School of Law. After earning her Juris Doctorate, Ann was admitted into the New Jersey Bar, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the New Jersey Supreme Court.

In 2013, Ann was selected by the voters as Morris County Clerk. This is a constitutional office, along with the Sheriff and Surrogate. As County Clerk, she oversees five diverse departments and ensures the proper recording of all land records, such as: maps, mortgages, deeds, discharges, liens, trade names, judgments and other related legal documents, processing of U.S. Passport applications, issuing of Veteran, Adult and Gold Star Parent I.D. Cards, and maintenance of Veterans’ Military Discharge Papers (DD214). She also swears in Notary Publics, oversees all elections and certifies election results, and performs marriage ceremonies.

In her first term as Clerk, Ann imported mission critical new technology and streamlined departments for more efficient service. She also implemented innovative programs such as: “Operation Give Back”; a centralized Veteran discount book that helps Veterans and their families easily access available benefits, developed an annual Veterans Award Ceremony honoring Veterans in all other disciplines of public service as well as an annual community recognition program and luncheon for those volunteers who assist seniors.

Ann has a long history of public service and considers herself to be a public servant, not a politician. From 2006-2010, she served as a council member on the

Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills and was selected by her colleagues to serve as their Vice President and President. From 2011-2013, she served on the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders as Chair of the Budget Sub-Committee and as Alternate Commissioner of the Insurance Commission as well as liaison to many other departments and agencies. Ann was also instrumental in developing the County's Flood Mitigation Program.

While attending law school in the evening, Ann worked full-time as the first female Chief of Enforcement over state-wide investigative activities within the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. She also worked as Associate Executive Director for a major, Newark based, labor organization; a private boutique labor law firm; as a securities regulatory officer and was formerly engaged with the City of Newark in the Budget Office and in Community Relations.

Over the years, she has been recognized as Outstanding Italian American by the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Community Affairs Unit and the Italian American Police Society of New Jersey; Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Parsippany Republican Club; Outstanding Woman of Achievement by the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce, Alumna of the Year by the County College of Morris; Outstanding Achievement by the Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Squad, and by UNICO National, Rockaway Twp. Chapter.

Currently, Ann serves as the President, Morris County Library Foundation; Trustee, Picatinny Arsenal Incubator Center; Member, Constitutional Officers Association; St. Christopher's RC Church; NJ State Council of Columbiettes, PTH Chapter; and Founding Member, UNICO National, Rockaway Twp. Chapter.