

By Camden County Clerk Joe Ripa

The Office of the Camden County Clerk had another strong year in 2019.

As the Keeper of the Records for the County, the Clerk's Office has two major divisions: The Election Division and the Registry Division. The Registry (Real Estate Recording) Division handles all matters pertaining to the Land Records of the County as a Constitutional Row Officer. The Election Division handles an array of election services and statutory responsibilities as prescribed by the Legislature and the State Constitution.

The Registry Division has been steadily increasing the volume of documents recorded and last year marked the highest level of revenue received, processed and remitted to the County and State of New Jersey in over a decade. Specifically, the amount of revenue received for 2019 was \$25,807,041.50 which is the highest amount since 2007 when revenue reached \$30,985,360.78.

The Election Division has also witnessed an increase in activity and when it comes to the processing of Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballots, we've far exceeded every other county in the state for the 13th consecutive election. Camden County ranked number one again for 2019 in New Jersey in overall volume of votes cast by VBM Ballot, 32,920, as well as number one in the percentage of votes cast by VBM Ballot, 34.3%, according to a recent report produced by the New Jersey State Division of Elections.

What's the secret to our success with VBM? We do our jobs and are continually conducting outreach events to the community and we're proud to be of service.

Further information on any of the services of the Office of the Camden County Clerk can be obtained by visiting our website at www.camdencounty.com/clerk