



## About the Delegation

The Broward Legislative Delegation was created in 1971 by the Florida Legislature as Chapter 71-559, Laws of Florida. The Legislature recognized the value of providing the citizens, governmental entities and community organizations of Broward County with an organized method for them to communicate with the members of the Delegation regarding their legislative requests.

There are 25 members of the Delegation: eight Senate members; 17 House members. Six of the members are Republican and 19 are Democrats. The Delegation members have been called upon to work as advocates for varied constituent

interests as well as concerns of their own particular districts.

The Executive Director of the Broward Legislative Delegation coordinates legislative issues with the Delegation members and their staffs both in Broward County and in Tallahassee. The Executive Director is also charged with the facilitation of the local bill progress from its inception in Broward through the committee members and staff during the legislative session.

The Delegation's function is to assist citizens in communicating with the members, organizing public hearings, acting as a liaison between community organizations and the Delegation. This also involves representing the

Delegation members at various community meetings.

Each year, the Delegation office organizes public hearings that afford the general public, governmental entities and community groups the opportunity to request assistance with various projects or issues. The hearings may be held at various locations throughout the county or at the Governmental Center.

Senator Jeremy Ring served as Chair of the Delegation and Representative Ari Porth served as Vice Chair. Each chair or vice chair serves a one year term and, according to Delegation Rules, the positions must alternate between House and Senate.

Eugene M. Steinfeld, Esq. serves as Delegation Counsel, a position he has held for the past 25 years. In addition, the Delegation contracts with Capitol Hill Group for services regarding appropriations coordination.

The Delegation Executive Director is Sandy Harris and the Administrative Assistant is Dee Lynch. The Delegation Office is located in Room 429 of the Broward Governmental Center. More information can be found on the Web site: [www.broward.org/legislative](http://www.broward.org/legislative) or by calling the office at 954-357-6555.

## Welcome New Members of the Broward Legislative Delegation

### Senator Christopher "Chris" Smith



Senator Smith formerly served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2006. He also served as House

Democratic Leader 2004 through 2006. Senator Smith is an attorney and married to Desorae Giles-Smith. He is the proud father of Christopher Leveorn and Christian Nicholas.

### Senator Eleanor Sobel



Senator Sobel formerly served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2006. Prior to that, she served

as a Hollywood City Commissioner from 1992 to 1998. Senator Sobel is president of Emmelle Skin Care and is married to Dr. Stuart M. Sobel. She is the mother of Emily and Rachel and proud grandmother of Josie and Rose.

### Senator Dan Gelber



Senator Gelber formerly served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2006. He served as Democratic Leader 2006-2008.

Senator Gelber is an attorney and is married to Joan Silverstein. He is the father of Sophie, Hannah and Max.

### Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed



Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed formerly served as a Deerfield Beach City Commissioner from 1993 to 2005 and was active in the

Florida League of Cities. She is a retired teacher. In addition, Representative Clarke-Reed served as an elected School Board Member, District 18, New York City from 1980 to 1983. She is the mother of Vincent Leonard Clarke and Veronica Rose Clarke.

### Representative Hazelle P. "Hazel" Rogers



Representative Hazel Rogers formerly served as a Lauderdale Lakes City Commissioner from 1996 to 2008. She was active in the

Broward County and Florida League of Cities. She is a mortgage broker and is married to Clifton Rogers.

