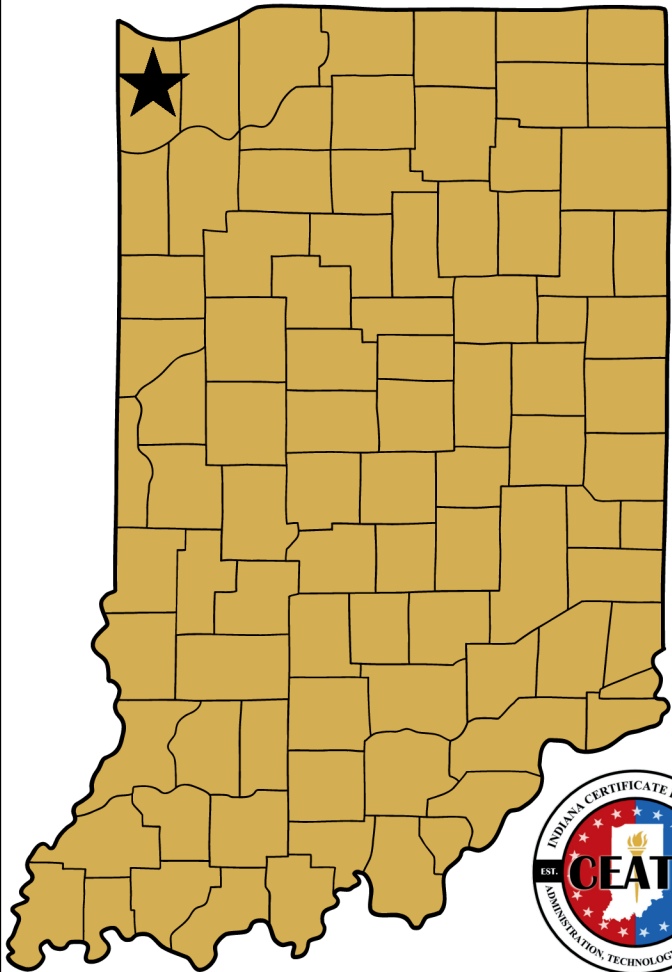


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# Lori O'Dea

Election Clerk &  
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Lori O'Dea has been on staff with the Lake County Board of Elections since 2020, spending five years as an Election Clerk specializing in Campaign Finance, until being recently promoted to Asst. Voter Registration Administrator. During her tenure in Campaign Finance, Lori took a deep dive into the Indiana Code 3-9, and used that research to refine the systems and practices used to administrate the Campaign Finance Act in Lake County. With approximately 400 open CFA committees, some requiring three reports per year, establishing best practices became a priority. The CEATS program Capstone Project was a great catalyst for curating these practices in ways that apply to counties throughout Indiana. The education gained from the CEATS program has strengthened her professional skills and broadened her knowledge in Elections Administration and Security. Lori looks forward to turning her attention to Voter Registration with the same focus and effort, working to ensure current office practices comply with Indiana Code.

Married for thirty years to her husband Neil, Lori enjoys spending time with their family including three adult kids, two granddaughters, and anticipates the arrival of grandchild number three this summer. In her spare time, Lori loves to read, crochet, and hit up the thrift stores in search of treasures.