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## LEE CLERK OF COURT'S FINANCE OFFICE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Fort Myers, Florida - Sept.28, 2017- The Lee County Clerk of Court's Finance Department has received its 32nd consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).



The CAFR are the audited financial statements for Lee County that includes the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector offices.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and must meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full

disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story.

Clerk of Court, Linda Doggett said of the award, “It takes a team of very accomplished and knowledgeable professionals working hard every day to make this happen. This award represents a significant achievement by the Clerk’s Accounting Department lead by Finance Director Terry Mallow and I am proud to be a part of it!”

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington D.C.