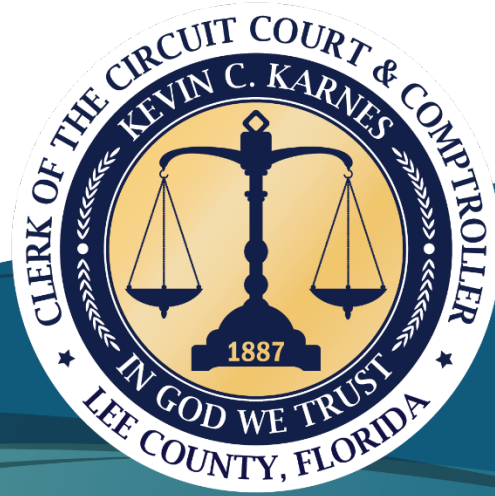




Your Lee Clerk & Comptroller's Office

Safeguarding your Property from Fraud



Clerk Kevin Karnes was appointed Clerk of the Court & Comptroller by Gov. DeSantis in March 2022 and was elected to the position in August 2022 by Lee County voters.

Karnes holds a master's degree in Legal Studies from American Public University and a bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University. WINGS UP! Kevin is a long-time veteran of the Clerk's office and has held a variety of leadership positions

Karnes' goals are to prioritize initiatives related to property fraud prevention, cybersecurity preparedness, increasing online services, and demanding government transparency and accountability.



County-wide Constitutional Officer

Article VIII, Section 1(d) of the Florida Constitution recognizes the role of the Clerk of the Circuit Court as an independently elected Constitutional Officer.

The Clerk serves alongside the:

Sheriff

**Tax
Collector**

**Property
Appraiser**

**Supervisor
of Elections**

**State
Attorney**

**Public
Defender**

**Superintendent of
Schools**

Article V, Section 16 defines the title of Clerk of the Circuit Court, but the position also serves as:

**Clerk to the
Court**

**Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners**

**County
Recorder**

**Custodian of
all County
Funds**

**County
Auditor**



Property Fraud Alert



Property fraud occurs when a party uses a forged deed to sell or transfer property that does not belong to them

FREE service that alerts subscribers when any of the following have been recorded in their name in Lee County Official Records:

Mortgage | Deed | Any other land documents

Notifications emailed within 24-hours of the document being recorded

Property Fraud [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs)



Property Fraud Alert

Lee County



All Florida Counties



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Register for Property Fraud Alert

What is Property Fraud?

Property fraud occurs when a party uses a forged deed to sell or transfer property that does not belong to them. While a forged deed does not actually transfer the property, it gives the appearance to the rest of the world that the ownership of the property has been changed. If you believe you have been the victim of property fraud, removing this cloud from your title can be a complicated process.



Upcoming Events

FREE Community Shredding Event!

Saturday, November 8
9-11AM

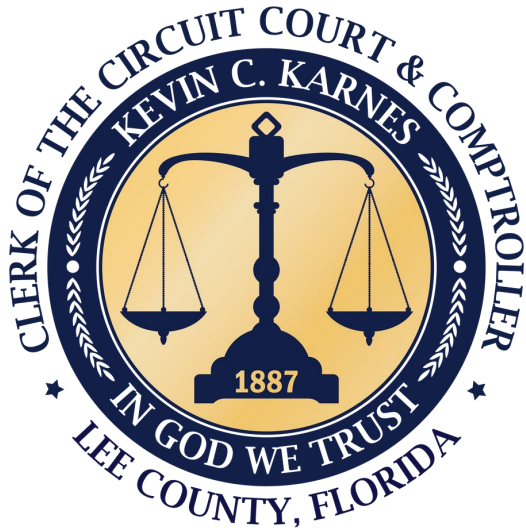
Lee County Government Complex
1039 SE 9th Place
Cape Coral

Drive up and have your paper documents transported to the on-site shredding truck by a Clerk team member.



Thank You!

Questions & Comments



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