

ANDREA LEA

AUDITOR OF STATE

In 2014, Andrea Lea was elected the 40th Auditor of State. As Auditor, Andrea is putting her experience to work as the state's general accountant, administrator of the Arkansas Unclaimed Property Act, and payroll officer for over 600 state employees and elected officials. She is partnering with businesses to save money and is using technology to improve the way unclaimed property is reported to the state and returned to the rightful owners. She is also working to reduce operating expenses and establish transparency as the foundation of the Auditor's office.

Andrea Lea has nearly two decades of leadership experience in Arkansas. She served on the Pope County Quorum Court, the Russellville City Council, and three terms in the Arkansas General Assembly before being elected Auditor of State. In the General Assembly she championed transparency, budgetary conservatism, and no-nonsense fiscal management for state government. These are values which she brings with her to the State Auditor's office.

She is a passionate advocate for good government, and as a Justice of the Peace, she led the debt-free construction of a new detention center in Pope County. As a legislator she served as chair of State Agencies and in this role she sought to make state government more efficient and less expensive.

Andrea graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Administration and Management from Arkansas Tech University at the age of 47 and continues to advocate for non-traditional students to return to school and complete a degree.

She is a proud daughter, wife, and mother to U.S. Veterans. She is also mother to a public school teacher and a county courthouse administrator. With family ties to Arkansas, she and her husband Phillip returned in 1982. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.