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Lita McHugh is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Inspector General. She has a bachelor's in accounting and an MBA with accounting concentration from Florida Southern College. She worked for 13 years with local public accounting firms, performing governmental and not-for-profit audits. Lita is the Inspector General for the Polk County Clerk of Courts.

Lita joined the Clerk in 2013, tasked by Clerk Butterfield to convert the existing internal audit department into an accredited department of Inspector General. The Polk County Clerk was the third Clerk's office in the state of Florida to earn accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. The Clerk's IG was recently re-accredited for another 3 years and participated in its first-ever peer review.

Lita currently serves as President of the board of the Florida Audit Forum, coordinates the internal audit workgroup of FCCC, and volunteers as a guardian ad litem.