

Dr. Judd Choate

Dr. Judd Choate is Colorado's State Election Director, a position he's held since 2009. He served as President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) in 2017 and was a founding member of the Governmental Coordinating Council (GCC) – formed by the Department of Homeland Security following Russian interference in the 2016 election. Judd is on the board of University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs Certificate in Election Administration Program and teaches courses on election law and election security. He is a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Election Reform Task Force and serves on the Election Administration Research and Practice Editorial Board. He has a J.D. from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. in political science from Purdue University. Judd clerked for Justice Alex Martinez at the Colorado Supreme Court and was a summer clerk for Judge Tim Tymkovich at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Before law school, he was an assistant professor of political science at the University of Nebraska, where he taught campaigns and elections, among other courses. He is the author of a book on political behavior and several peer-reviewed political science articles. In a previous life, Judd was a scout for the Kansas City Royals.