

Karen Sowul



Objective

Dedicated and experienced public servant with 37 years of service to citizens of Lake County, Illinois, seeking appointment to the Lake County Board of Review. I am committed to ensuring fair and equitable property assessments while maintaining transparency, accuracy, and taxpayer trust.

Professional Experience

Lake County Government – Waukegan, IL

Various Leadership & Administrative Roles

1988 – 2025

- **Assessment and Exemption changes:**
 - Collaborated closely with the Chief County Assessment Officer and local township assessors to ensure assessment changes and exemption requests were accurate.
 - Provided guidance on exemptions and appeals to the public, CCAO staff and local township assessors.
- **Appeals Process Management:**
 - Co-ordinated the filed appeals to schedule for the Board of Review.
 - Ensured that all filed appeals were committed to the database. Ensured that all findings were processed and sent to appellants.
- **Other relevant tax experience:**
 - Delinquent tax process
 - Tax extension process (calculate tax rates)

Professional education

- **CIAO (not currently active)**
- **Realtor (not currently active)**