

Karen Sowul



Objective

Dedicated and experienced public servant with 38 years of service to citizens of Lake County, Illinois, seeking another 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 Board of Review - Waukegan IL 2025

- Hearings for Lake County Board of Review to consider evidence from both constituents and the township assessor to determine values for disputed assessments
- Hearings for exemption requests

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)