

Nick Merrill has served as the Accounting Division Manager of the State Employees' Retirement System for nearly 24 years. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and served two terms on the GFOA Special Review Executive Committee.

In addition to serving as the Accounting Division Manager (Chief Fiscal Officer), Mr. Merrill has functioned as the designated State Social Security Administrator for over twenty years. In this capacity, he acts as a liaison between local units of government within the State of Illinois, the federal Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He has been an officer, including several terms as President, of the National Conference of State Social Security Administrators (NCSSSA). He was involved in the creation and development of IRS Publication 963, Federal-State Reference Guide.

Mr. Merrill also served two terms on the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT). He presented the Federal, State, and Local Government Entities report to the IRS Commissioner on several occasions. One of the suggestions he made in a report is currently being reviewed for possible federal income tax legislation (regarding the need for documentation and exclusion from taxation of cellphones, and other personal communication devices).