

## **Ethics in a Box - Part 2: Ethics in Action**

### **Speaker Bios | March 5, 2024**

#### **Andrew D. Brown, Director of Finance, *Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Illinois***

Andrew Brown is the Director of Finance for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Illinois. He has over 18 years of Governmental Accounting experience serving the Town of Cicero, Village of Buffalo Grove, and Village of Tinley Park prior to his current role. Andrew has a BA in Accounting from Western Michigan University (2005) and completed his Masters in Professional Accounting at Elmhurst College (2010).

Public service is Andrew's passion, he is privileged to serve many great organizations that support local government like GFOA, IGFOA, ILCMA, IAMMA, NIU MPA Program, and the Midwest Leadership Institute. Whether it's serving on advisory boards or speaking on topics impacting local government, it is all important to him and tremendously rewarding. In what free time he has left, Andrew enjoys coaching both his daughter's hockey teams and playing golf.

#### **Shayne Kavanagh, Senior Manager of Research, *GFOA***

Shayne is the Senior Manager of Research for GFOA and has been a leader in developing the practice and technique of long-term financial planning and policies for local government. He started GFOA's long-term financial planning and policy consulting offering in 2002 and has been working with governments on financial planning and policies ever since. Shayne has worked with many governments of different sizes and types on financial planning and policies across the United States and Canada.

Shayne's financial planning experience also drives his research at GFOA. He is the author of a number of influential publications on financial planning.

Prior to joining GFOA, Shayne was the Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Palos Park, Illinois, where he was responsible for managing all aspects of financial management operations, including budgeting, utility billing, payroll, and accounting. He received his MPA degree from Northern Illinois University.

#### **Nikki Larson, CPA, CPFO, SPHR, Deputy Village Manager/Chief Financial Officer, *Village of Glencoe***

Nikki is the Deputy Village Manager/Chief Financial Officer for the Village of Glencoe, where she has served since 2018. Prior to working for the Village of Glencoe, she was the Finance Director at the Village of Vernon Hills and the City of Highland Park. Nikki is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Public Finance Officer and Certified Senior Professional in Human Resources. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Accounting from Roosevelt University and a Master's in Business Administration from Northern Illinois University.

Nikki serves as Vice President of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) Executive Board and as the chair of the Growth and Engagement (GEN) Committee. Nikki also serves on the Executive Board as President for the Geographic Information Systems Consortium (GISC).