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Stephen Adams, Director, Public Finance of PMA Securities, Inc. joined PMA Securities in February of 2018. He has been in the public finance industry since 2000, having started his career at the Illinois Rural Bond Bank before spending the majority of his career at an underwriting broker-dealer. Mr. Adams has extensive knowledge in the structuring of debt and levies for general obligation issues, revenue-backed issues and alternate revenue source issues. Mr. Adams has a bachelor of science in business administration/economics from Illinois College and a master of business administration from the University of Illinois-Springfield, and has considerable experience speaking at various professional associations.

Aaron Allen, Division Manager, Local Tax Allocation Division, Illinois Department of Revenue received a B.S. in Agribusiness, Farm, and Financial Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a M.B.A. from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He has worked for the Department of Revenue for 11 years in the Motor Fuel Division, Audit Division, as the Section Manager of the Alcohol and Tobacco Processing Section, and now as the Division Manager of the Local Tax Allocation Division since April 2018.

Allison R. Barrett, Director, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP has over 25 years of experience in payroll and has been working with Lauterbach & Amen since 2002. As a Director, Allison works with pension boards, pension fund members, the Illinois Department of Insurance and the IRS to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of pension benefit calculations, payments, and reporting. Allison has been actively involved with the Coalition for Qualified Plan Status, working directly with its members and attorneys. Allison is an instructor of sections of the IPPFA Certified Trustee Program and the IPPFA Retirement Coordinator Program, and has spoken at AFFI, IAFPD, IGFOA, ILACP, IMTA, IPFA, IPPFA, and NIAFPD conferences on pension benefits and IRS issues.

Jon Beckmann is the Superintendent of Finance , Administration & Golf Operations at the Waukegan Park District where he has been working at since October of 2012. He oversees the Park District's \$29 million dollar annual operating and capital improvement budget. Accountable for risk management, payroll, accounts payable, procurement services, debt service, human resources, information technology, legal services, budget, audit, revenue collection, and golf operations. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from North Park University with a concentration in Organizational Development and Strategic Leadership. He also holds two undergraduate degrees from Illinois State University in Finance and Insurance/Risk Management. He is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and board member of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) administration & finance (A&F) section. He is also a member of the IGFOA Professional Education Committee (PEC). He will be starting his Masters of Data Analytics program at Northern Illinois University in the Fall of 2019.

Lori Beeler, CPA is the Manager for the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) within the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB). Under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), GATU is responsible for designing and implementing Illinois' frameworks and systems to implement Federal Uniform Guidance. Lori has been a part of GATA since its inception. She's been a long-standing member of the Illinois Single Audit Commission which was the body that drafted the GATA legislation. Prior to joining GATU in 2016, she served on several GATA subcommittees and workgroups developing GATA rules for the State of Illinois and designing associated frameworks. Lori brought a wealth of grant experience into her role with GATA. Prior to joining GATU, she was responsible for coordination of all external audits for the Illinois Department of Transportation, oversight and management of subrecipient single audit reports and implementation of GATA processes for DOT. As a licensed CPA, Lori brings a great deal of applied knowledge in this highly technical area. Lori's understanding of federal grant requirements and comprehensive vision for how Illinois can strategically work to comply with those requirements has been invaluable to GATA implementation. State agencies and grantees greatly benefitted from her working expertise in grant administration.

Andrew Brown is the Deputy Director of Finance for the Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, serving in this capacity since May of 2014. He has over 13 years of Governmental Accounting experience that includes over 8 years at The Town of Cicero prior to his current position. Andrew has a BA in Accounting from Western Michigan University (2005) and completed his Masters in Professional Accounting at Elmhurst College (2010). Currently his public and professional contributions include executive board member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA), chair of the IGFOA Growth and Engagement Network Committee, Finance Committee Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative (IPBC), Finance Committee member Northwest Municipal Conference, Catholic Sports Camp Board Secretary, and Central States Developmental Hockey League Treasurer.

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Brian W. Caputo serves as the President of College of DuPage, bringing more than 35 years of strategic management and leadership experience drawn from a broad range of senior executive positions in higher education, local government, and the military. Previously, Dr. Caputo was the Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Chief Financial Officer for the College. Before coming to College of DuPage, Dr. Caputo was the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer of the City of Aurora, Illinois, for nearly 19 years. Dr. Caputo's earlier experience in municipal finance included positions with the Villages of Mount Prospect, Hoffman Estates, and LaGrange, Illinois. In addition, he worked as an auditor with Price Waterhouse in Chicago. In 2015, Dr. Caputo became a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He is a past president of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) and a past chair of the IGFOA's Technical Accounting Review Committee. He has also served as an adjunct professor of public finance at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Dr. Caputo holds a B.S. from the United States Military Academy, an M.S. in Accountancy from DePaul University, and an M.P.A. from NIU. He earned a Ph.D. degree from NIU with fields of study in public administration, public policy, and government finance. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer.

Samuel B. Cavnar, Partner, Robbins Schwartz represents school districts, community colleges, municipalities, and various other public entities, along with private clients including owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, and various other commercial interests. Sam is an experienced negotiator of commercial and construction-related contracts, and he regularly counsels clients in the areas of board governance, bidding, procurement, tort immunity and risk management. Sam has been appointed Special Assistant State's Attorney in several matters involving construction-related transactions and litigation. Sam has successfully prosecuted and defended numerous lawsuits related to defaults, delays, extras, liquidated damages, design and construction defects, performance issues, non-payment and other similar commercial claims. Education from J.D., Wayne State, University Law School and B.A., Michigan State University.

Julie Ciesla, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Peoria County is currently working for Peoria County as the Assistant Chief Financial Officer. Julie began her career in government finance over 14 years ago when she started as an intern with the City of Yorkville. Within 2 years of entering government finance, she went from being an intern to taking a position as Assistant Finance Director for the Village of Hinsdale and served in that capacity for 6 years. After Hinsdale, Julie served as the Assistant Finance Director for the Village of Glendale Heights for 3 years. Prior to moving down to Peoria, Julie served as the first ever Finance Director for the Village of Itasca for two years. Julie earned her Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Northern Illinois University and has also earned a Master's Degree with a concentration in Accounting from Aurora University. Within 10 months of taking the first exam, Julie received her Certified Public Finance Officer designation in February of 2016. Julie has been a member of IGFOA for over 11 years.

Joe Coberly is a career strategist with extensive experience creating, communicating and championing technology-enabled vision. He's committed to digital transformation through better use of emerging business models. He currently leads technology visioning and innovation for the state of Georgia, and serves on the board of the Association of Strategy Professionals (Atlanta Chapter). Areas of expertise include Strategic Planning, Facilitating Innovation, Enterprise Architecture, Machine Learning, AI and Data Analytics. Mr. Coberly is responsible for creating the IT Strategy Cycle for the state of Georgia. Using principals of Enterprise Architecture and data analytics, he engages leaders across state government to better match emerging technology to business need and organizational potential. He identifies emerging digital business models and communicates their potential to business owners. He matches proven technology-enabled business processes to appropriate business need and aptitude. Mr. Coberly has been a speaker on innovation, strategy and collaboration for national and state-wide audiences including: The National Association for Chief Information Officers annual conference and the Association for Strategic Planning National Conference. Before leading IT strategic planning and innovation for the state of Georgia, Mr. Coberly had a diverse career. He has been a thought leader, guiding the use of technology to achieve business objectives for over 20 years. Past roles include Strategy Director, telecommunications IT strategist, Business Consultant, and Artificial Intelligence Researcher. Employers and clients range from the fortune 100 to internet startups and include Equifax, BellSouth, BAPCO, Eastman Kodak and MCI.

Brad Cole serves as executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, which is the statewide association of 1,298 cities, villages, and towns. The League's mission is to articulate, defend, maintain, and promote the interests and concerns of Illinois communities. He began in this position in December 2014. Brad most recently was Senior Vice President of Pepsi MidAmerica, a privately-owned soft drink bottling and distribution business servicing a five-state franchise territory. His duties involved supervision of all aspects of the company, including finance, administration, human resources, fleet management, equipment services, and sales. Prior to entering the private sector, he worked as Downstate Director for U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, of Illinois. In that position, he was a key member of the senator's senior management team and was responsible for strategies initiative, outreach and constituent services in 95 (of 102) counties of Illinois. Cole served as Mayor of the City of Carbondale, Illinois for two four-year terms, which followed one four-year term on the City Council. He was first elected Mayor at the age of 31. As the chief elected official, he set policy direction

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for the leading regional municipality that is also the home community to a major public university. Before entering local government service, Brad was Deputy Chief of Staff to Illinois Governor George H. Ryan. He directly advised the Governor and coordinated the administration of government services relative to the southern 40 counties of Illinois. Active as a leader for numerous public and private organizations, he has served on a library board, a park district board, a school board, a regional healthcare system board, a multi-state economic development commission, and in many other similar posts. He has been appointed to commissions by four of the past five Governments of Illinois and was nominated to national board appointment by President George W. Bush. He is Chairman Emeritus of Sister Cities International (a citizen diplomacy organization based in Washington, DC), having served two years as chairman of its global board of directors. Brad Cole is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a bachelor's degree in a double major of Political Science and Biological Science, and a Master of Legal Studies degree from the SIU School of Law. He originally hails from Macon Illinois.

Christina Coyle, Finance Director, Village of Glen Ellyn is the Finance Director at the Village of Glen Ellyn. She oversees the Village's \$68 million annual budget, accounting, financial reporting, and financial planning. Christina was the Village of Glen Ellyn's Assistant Finance Director before serving as Finance Director. Prior to joining the Village, Christina was an Audit Manager at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. Christina is also the Chair of the Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC) of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). Christina is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she double-majored in Finance and French.

John Cutrera, Director, BKD, LLP has more than 13 years of public accounting experience with governmental and not-for-profit entities, providing audit and consulting services such as financial statement audits and reviews. John is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) and Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). He serves on the ICPAS Governmental Report Review Committee. John is a 2004 graduate of Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois, with a B.S. degree in accounting and a 2009 graduate with an M.B.A. degree in general management.

Tricia Dubiel has served as Superintendent of Business and Finance of the Bolingbrook Park District since March 2013. She began working with park district finances in April 2008 with the Wheaton Park District. Tricia has worked in local government since 2004 in both park districts and municipal environment. Prior to her career in local government, she worked as a Public Accountant. Tricia has been a member of the IGFOA since 2008 and has served on the IGFOA South Metro Board and is currently serving on the Executive Board. She is also a member of the GFOA. Tricia is a graduate of North Central College, Naperville, IL with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Katelin J. Eastman, Associate, Robbins Schwartz practices in the areas of labor and employment and employee benefits. Katelin counsels employers in all aspects of labor and employment law, including employee discipline, labor relations, and federal and state employment discrimination matters under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, and Title VII. She also represents school districts, community colleges and municipalities in administrative proceedings and grievance arbitrations. Prior to joining Robbins Schwartz, Katelin represented self-insured multiemployer ERISA plans. Katelin has also been recognized for her appellate litigation skills, as she successfully argued for a new constructive filing rule in the Ninth Circuit. Education: J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, M.D.R., Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, B.A., summa cum laude, and Gonzaga University.

Daniel E. Forbes, President – is one of the Directors and Owners of Speer Financial, Inc. Mr. Forbes is a Certified Independent Public Municipal Advisor (CIPMA) from the National Association of Municipal Advisors (NAMA). He has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Beloit College, and a Juris Doctor and a Master of Business Administration (Finance) from Washington University. Prior to joining Speer in 1994, Mr. Forbes had served as a financial analyst with a Chicago investment banking firm (1990-1994) which specialized in municipal economic development, and as an attorney with Chapman and Cutler (1984-1990) where he served as bond, underwriter's and corporation counsel for health care, cultural and educational organizations financings. He is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association.

Sergeant Steven Formenti has been a Police Officer since 2001 and with the Will County Sheriff's Department since 2004. He is currently assigned as the Training Unit Supervisor and is an active member of the Departments SWAT team.

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Melissa Gallagher is the Finance Director for the City of Rolling Meadows and serves as President of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. She has been with the City of Rolling Meadows since 2006 and served previously as a Grant Manager with the Illinois Department of Labor. She has served as a long-time member of the IGFOA with positions on the Conference Planning Team, Board Policy Task Force and as a member and chairperson of the Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC). She is a member of the GFOA and is a budget reviewer for the Budget Awards Program. Melissa holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Michigan State University and a Master of Accounting and Financial Management Degree from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Frank B. Garrett III, Partner Robbins Schwartz represents school districts, community colleges, local governmental bodies and public and private companies in all aspects of employment law, including complaints and charges of unlawful discrimination, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, civil rights violations, employee discipline and termination. Frank counsels and provides training to employers on all aspects of the employment relationship. Frank represents clients in state and federal court, at the trial and appellate levels and before the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Human Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Frank is a regular speaker on employment law, at the local, state and national level. Before joining Robbins Schwartz, Frank worked as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago. In this capacity, he represented the City of Chicago in a variety of personnel matters and defended the City in unlawful discrimination and civil rights lawsuits. Frank is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to provide school board member training. Education: J.D., DePaul University College of Law, and B.A., Oberlin College.

Timothy Gavin, CPA of Lauterbach & Amen has over 13 years of professional accounting experience exclusively in the governmental sector. He has participated in numerous governmental engagements, including municipalities, villages, park districts, school districts, and other special districts. Mr. Gavin retains highly specialized skills in accounting and auditing software. Educational and Membership Background: • Northern Illinois University • North Central College • Certified Public Accountant • Member of Social Media Task Force with Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) • Member of Financial Reporting Certificate Program with Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Mr. Gavin's experience in the governmental sector includes performing audits, accounting services, financial reporting, agreed upon procedures and other consulting engagements for a wide range of clients. Tim has assisted clients in obtaining GFOA and Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) certificates for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Gavin serves as an educator for staff trainings on various governmental accounting and financial reporting topics.

Marion Gee has served as the Finance Director of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District since September 2015. Prior to assuming this role, he served as Assistant Finance Director for the City of San Antonio for four years. Prior to joining the City of San Antonio, he was employed as Finance Director of the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District for 11 years and held various senior financial leadership positions including Corporate Controller within the Louisville Water Company for 8 years. Mr. Gee is the President Elect of the national GFOA Board and is former chair of the GFOA's Treasury and Investment Committee. He is a certified public accountant and received a Master's in Business Administration and a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from the University of Louisville.

Brian D. Hextell is an Institutional Portfolio Manager and is a registered Investment Advisor Representative with Prudent Man Advisors. He is responsible for developing investment strategies for institutional client portfolios to meet client objectives. In addition, Mr. Hextell works with the portfolio management team to execute investment strategies and deliver exceptional client service. As a Senior Vice President, Mr. Hextell provides leadership to the firm in the areas of credit research and client investment strategy. Beginning in 2004, he led PMA Financial Network's Credit Risk Management Department, which is responsible for determining the creditworthiness of all investments made by PMA's public entity clients and employing various strategies for securing client deposits. Mr. Hextell frequently speaks at city, school and county conferences and seminars on the topics of investment strategy, state statutes, investment policies, credit analysis and market updates. Mr. Hextell first joined PMA Financial Network, Inc. in 1999 after graduating from Northern Illinois University with a degree in Finance. He later earned an MBA from DePaul University. His FINRA licenses are the Series 7, 50 and 66.

Justin Hoogendoorn is a managing director and head of the fixed income strategic analytics group for Piper Jaffray. He is responsible for guiding the development of relative value investment strategies, including yield curve analysis, sector/security trends and strategic outlooks. Within the relative value discussion, he leads the municipal bond strategy research. Furthermore, he integrates sector and macro expectations with client objectives and constraints to create customized portfolio and issuer strategies. Hoogendoorn has appeared on CNBC and Bloomberg, as well as other TV outlets, and is frequently quoted in *Bloomberg*, *The Bond Buyer*, *Dow Jones Newswires*, *Reuters*, *Business Week* and *Fox*

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News Service. Prior to establishing the strategic analytics group in 2003, Hoogendoorn served as a fixed income portfolio manager with Northern Trust from 1995 to 2003. He has a proven track record managing several billion dollars in total return-oriented and income-oriented portfolios, including mutual funds, institutional assets and high-net-worth individual portfolios. He gained expertise trading and managing an encompassing set of fixed income instruments while advising taxable and tax-exempt clients with a diverse set of objectives and constraints. Hoogendoorn holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with a concentration in finance, and a bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Michigan. He received the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation in 1998 and is currently a member of the CFA Institute and the Investment Analyst Society of Chicago (IASC). He is also a registered representative with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Shawana Jackson, CPA, Associate, Plante Moran has over eight years of experience in auditing and other assurance services for a variety of clients. My industry focus has allowed me to create an industry knowledge base through client experiences, seminars, and training. I provide my clients with support throughout the entire year, not just during the audit period. She holds a B.S.B.A. in accounting from Marquette University and a Master of Accounting degree from The Ohio State University – Max M. Fisher College of Business.

Deputy Jeff Jerz has been a Police Officer since 2001 and a Deputy with the Will County Sheriff's Department since 2004. He is currently assigned to the training unit and is an instructor in tactical trauma and shock management, use of force, firearms, MACTAC, Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force. He is also a Crisis/Hostage Negotiator on the Departments SWAT team.

Jennifer Johnson, Administrative Services Supervisor, City of Champaign manages the Finance Department Administrative Services Division. This division processes vendor payments, cash receipts and provides invoicing for all City departmentSets. She oversees the purchasing card program and merchant card services for the City. Administrative Services assists the City Clerk with several functions related to records management, FOIA and licensing. She recently implemented online payments for Self-Reported Taxes and is in the process of implementing online payments for licensing. In addition to supervising duties, Jennifer assists the Finance Director/Finance Management Team with special projects and assignments. Jennifer serves on the Communications Advisory Committee and chairs the Municipal Image Subcommittee. She has a Master of Public Administration, Governors State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree, Eastern Illinois University. Ms. Johnson is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association and serves on the IGFOA Professional Education Committee as the Conference Planning Team leader. She is the Past President of the Downstate Illinois Government Finance Officers Association.

Kyle Jones joined PFM's asset management business in 2012 and is the co-head of the Portfolio Strategies Group (PSG). He leads PSG's efforts in the investment strategy development process for many large and strategically important PFM client relationships. Kyle works primarily with clients of the separate account business by helping to devise customized portfolio strategies designed to meet their specific investment needs. In addition, he assists in the creation and delivery of our views and strategies to clients, prospects and third-party consultants. Kyle is a Fixed Income Investment Committee Member as well as a Credit Committee Member.

Prior to joining PFM, Kyle spent 10 years at JPMorgan Chase in a variety of capacities, most recently as an investment specialist for their Institutional Sales business. Kyle serves on several community related boards and is active in his respective alumni associations. He is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and educational seminars.

Susan Jones is the leader of Miller Cooper's Government Services Group. In addition to handling the accounting and audit needs of her clients, she consults with clients regarding planning and various organizational matters, and shares best practices from working with a variety of organizations. Ms. Jones joined Miller Cooper from a national accounting firm in which she had more than 20 years' experience serving a broad range of governmental, nonprofit and public audit clients. Ms. Jones has managed numerous tax-exempt bond offerings and advised clients on the Uniform Guidance, state and local reporting requirements. Ms. Jones received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana. She also received a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University: Kellstadt Graduate School of Business and is a licensed CPA. Ms. Jones serves as Treasurer and is on the Executive Board of Goldie's Place.

Kristin N. Kazenas, Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Director, Village of Hawthorn Woods has been with the Village of Hawthorn Woods for seven years. She began her career in public accounting with the Chicago office of KPMG, as an auditor focusing on real estate and governmental clients. She served for five years as the Assistant Finance Director for the City of Park Ridge and for twelve years as a financial consultant for Lauterbach & Amen, LLP serving

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local municipal clients. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from Northern Illinois University and is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer.

Kristin has completed the GFOA Advanced Government Finance Institute. In addition, Kristin was an integral part of the Village's recent ICMA Leadership & Governance Award for the program, "Re-Inventing Municipal Government: An Entrepreneurial Small Business Approach." The program detailed the Village's incredible financial recovery that was accomplished by an all-female leadership team.

Andrew Kim, Director, Public Finance of PMA Securities, Inc. joined PMA Securities in 2015. He has been in the public finance industry since 2009, having started his career at a financial advisory firm before spending the majority of his career at an underwriting broker-dealer. While at his prior firms, his primary responsibilities included providing quantitative and qualitative research, financial analysis and client support for local government and non-profit clients. At PMA, his responsibilities include expanding the firm's footprint among Illinois municipalities. Some of his specific engagements include providing financial advisory services to the Village of Mt. Prospect, the City of Country Club Hills, the City of Crystal Lake, the Village of Huntley, the Village of Bolingbrook, the Town of Cortland, the Park District of La Grange as well as other park districts and various school districts. Mr. Kim has a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago. He holds FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses. Mr. Kim is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association and Illinois Association of School Business Officials and has previously presented at prior IGFOA events.

Joe Kowalski, CPA, Partner, Plante Moran has over 25 years of experience working with state and local governments on auditing, accounting, CAFR preparation, systems implementation, management consulting, grants management, regulatory and compliance assessments and attestation, internal controls assessments, budget preparation, and project management. While I have served clients in the role of independent auditor and consultant, I have also served as a Deputy Chief Financial Officer (Finance Director) for a county agency. In my role as a public servant, I learned firsthand what it feels like to be a client being audited by independent auditors. When I serve clients today and lead teams through the audit process, I remember the daily challenges of being a public servant and I try to share those lessons with my teams. My goal is to serve with a deep understanding and to provide an unmatched client experience. I received my B.S. in accounting from University of Detroit Mercy.

Carol A. Kraus, CPA is a licensed CPA and started her career in public accounting specializing in state, local government and nonprofit auditing and consulting in 1992. She has served in many capacities in state government starting in 2000 as the Chief Internal Auditor for the Illinois Office of the Comptroller. She later served as an Associate Director of Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) with responsibility for directing GOMB's Revenue Unit, Federal Funds management, Federal Audit Liaison and Senior Policy Advisor for over 19 state agencies, boards and commissions. Ms. Kraus received the National Association of State Budget Officers' (NASBO) Robert A. Armstrong Midwest Region Award for the development of Budget to Actual Variance Reports and implementation of efficiency models. These efficiency models resulted in greater fiscal discipline and increased controls in spending statewide. Ms. Kraus was later appointed as NASBO's representative on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council. After leaving GOMB, Ms. Kraus was appointed as the Chief Internal Auditor for the State of Illinois, overseeing over 39 Agencies, Boards and Commissions under the Governor. In 2009, she was appointed as the Chief Accountability Officer to lead the statewide implementation of internal controls, financial performance reporting and monitoring for the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Illinois was recognized as a leader in the nation in its ARRA implementation effort. Most recently, Ms. Kraus served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Human Services, and Co-chaired the Management Improvement Initiative Committee which was responsible for streamlining the administration of awards and grants for the State's 5 Human Service agencies. This Initiative was very successful and ultimately led to the passage of landmark legislation to implement statewide grant reforms with the passage of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Currently, Ms. Kraus is serving as the Director of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit which is responsible for leading the effort of implementing GATA - establishing uniform policies and procedures in a collaborative effort between grant making agencies and grantees to remove redundancies, duplication of effort and streamlining processes while increasing accountability and transparency throughout the entire grant life cycle.

Jason Kuhn is a former Division 1 Athlete and Navy SEAL Sniper. He pitched for a top 25 nationally ranked NCAA baseball team prior to joining the Navy after the attacks on the World Trade Centers. He holds a Master's degree in Global Leadership and is an expert in mental toughness and leadership development. He is the owner of Stonewall Solutions and creator of the nationally acclaimed Fundamentals of Winning Program. As a Navy SEAL, Jason led small teams of U.S. and foreign troops on special operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa, receiving a Bronze Star with V. Upon returning home, he began receiving requests from professional baseball players, athletic organizations, and

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corporate CEO's to help improve their ability to perform in high pressure. He began utilizing experiences from special operations and translating the skills to the highly competitive environment of his clients. His unique program has shown proven results at every level. Garrett Jones of the NY Yankees credited Jason in the New York Times as vital to his success, the Independence High School Football Team achieved a Max Preps #1 National Ranking, and some of the highest levels of corporate America have endorsed his consulting with executives ranging from International Legal Teams to Bank of America, Planet Fitness and many others.

Frederick G. Lantz, a Certified Public Accountant, is partner and the Director of Government Services at Sikich, LLP. He is responsible for providing technical services to Sikich's clients in all areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, budget development, revenue and expenditure forecasting, and cash and debt management. Prior to joining Sikich, Fred was an assistant director for the Technical Services Center of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), where he was a nationally recognized expert in the state and local government industry. At GFOA, he was responsible for managing the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, providing accounting, auditing and financial reporting assistance to state and local government officials and their auditors, and serving as a liaison to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Fred is a member of the Illinois CPA Society, serving on the Governmental Report Review; the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, serving on the Technical Accounting Review Committee; the Association of School Business Officers, serving as a panel review chair for the Certificate of Excellence Program; the Government Finance Officers Association serving on the Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program; the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association and the Illinois Municipal League.

Nicole Larson is the Finance Director for the Village of Glencoe, where she is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Finance Department, the annual budget, audit, general accounting and risk management. Prior to working for the Village of Glencoe, Mrs. Larson was the Finance Director at the Village of Vernon Hills, where she was charged with the oversight of the municipal finance operations, human resource function, risk management and information technology division. Prior to Vernon Hills, she was Finance Director for the City of Highland Park and Accounting Manager at the Village of Palatine. Mrs. Larson is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Accounting from Roosevelt University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration for Northern Illinois University. Mrs. Larson is a member of the AICPA and Illinois CPA Society. She is also a member of GFOA, IGFOA and is currently the Past President of the IGFOA Chicago-Metro Chapter Board.

David Levett is a Vice President on the Midwest Regional Ratings Team of Moody's Investors Service. He is the lead analyst for the City of Detroit and the City of Chicago. He was previously the lead analyst for Chicago Public Schools and Cook County, as well as the state lead for Illinois and Michigan local government credits. David has experience working in state government, local government and the non-profit sector. David holds a MPA degree from the University of Delaware and a BA in political science from Western Michigan University

Katie Ludwig currently works at the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) as a Senior Manager in the Research and Consulting Center. At GFOA, her work is focused on helping local governments develop policies and procedures and implement systems to improve their efficiency and effectiveness and promote financial sustainability. Prior to joining GFOA, Katie worked for four and a half years at the Chicago Housing Authority, where she was responsible for the management and operations of the Housing Choice Voucher program. She also worked for the City of Chicago for more than 13 years, serving in a variety of roles in the Office of Budget and Management, the Department of Housing, and the Chicago Public Library. While at the Department of Housing, Katie was responsible for implementing the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, a \$170 million federal grant program aimed at putting vacant, foreclosed homes back into productive use. Katie received her B.A. in English and Political Science from DePaul University. She received her Master of Public Policy from the Harris School at the University of Chicago.

Michael E. Malatt, CPA, Senior Manager, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP has been a member of the firm's Public Sector Practice Group since 2007. Michael has extensive experience providing financial and compliance audits, accounting services, and consulting services to state and local government organizations, including counties, municipalities, and special districts. In addition to providing services to clients, Michael is responsible for assisting in the implementation of GASB standards, including the development of practical implementation tools to providing in-depth training to firm staff and clients. Michael is a member of the Illinois CPA Society, AICPA, GFOA Special Review Committee, and IGFOA Professional Education Committee. Michael obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy and

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Mathematics and a Master of Science in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. Michael received the 2008 Excel Award from the Illinois CPA Society for outstanding achievement on the Uniform CPA Examination in Illinois.

Doug Maris is Vice President of Operations and serves as a Senior Consultant & Senior Trainer for LBL Strategies. He has over twenty-five years' executive leadership and strategy experience. As Senior Director of Business Development he developed, launched, and led a strategic management system for a large nonprofit senior healthcare and living chain with 2,200 employees and \$175 million annual budget. He also served as Executive Director for three large retirement communities, responsible for over 600 employees and successful fiscal management of a \$10,000,000 annual operations budget. Doug has taught courses and conducted training events for George Washington University – CEPL; DePaul University; Lincoln Christian University; Exelon Utilities; ComEd Utilities; Washington DC City Government; U.S. Department of Defense; Upstate Medical University; PEAK National Summit; Association for Strategic Planning; Life Services Network; and many other businesses and organizations. He has many years' experience assisting non-profit organizations with articulating a strategic & operating plan with a focus on execution and developing key performance metrics. While serving with a large senior healthcare and living non-profit organization, Maris served as project manager/lead for major corporate-wide change initiatives and projects (including integration to electronic medical record platform, centralizing procurement automation and systems, establishing executive team dashboards, creating systems for increasing utilization of rehab service line, and initiating new reporting and metrics systems). Additionally, he wrote and executed the business plan to launch a large pharmacy serving multiple campuses throughout Illinois and generating additional revenues for the company. Maris has also led two large churches as senior pastor through significant seasons of growth and outreach via major strategic management and change processes. Additionally, he has taught as an adjunct professor for Lincoln Christian University for over twenty years offering college and graduate-level courses. He is also former 6-year board director with the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital and current second-term board member of the Olympia Community Unit School District #16. He serves on the board of directors for the Association for Talent Development – Chicago chapter Maris earned his M.A. and M.Div. from Lincoln Christian University. He also earned the Strategic Management Certificate from DePaul University and is a Certified Strategic Management Professional and Certified Strategic Planning Professional, both through the Association for Strategic Planning. He also holds Balanced Scorecard Professional and KPI Professional certifications. Doug uniquely contributes to the LBL team by leading team members and managing operations with a laser focus on operational excellence and improvement. He is an experienced facilitator and exceptional instructor.

William D McCarty II became Director of Budget and Management (OBM) on May 2, 2011. As Director of OBM, Director McCarty is responsible for overseeing tax administration, accounting, accounts payable, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, and citywide fleet maintenance services. From October 2007 through May 2011, Bill was Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Property Management for the State of Illinois Central Management Services (CMS). Other State service includes federal finance manager for CMS and lead Medicaid analyst for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. From April 2005 through April 2009, he served as Village President of Williamsville, Illinois and prior to that spent three years as Village Trustee in Williamsville. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Illinois – Springfield. Currently, Bill is Treasurer of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association Executive Board and is Chair of the IGFOA Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Legislative Committee, a member of IML's Personnel and Pensions Policy Committee and is Chair of the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) U.S. Government Affairs Committee.

Joe McCoy began service as Executive Director of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) in October 2018. Prior to that he was employed for almost twenty years in legislative advocacy with the Illinois Municipal League. During the final seven years of his tenure he served as the association's legislative director and member of the senior leadership team. While responsible for a myriad of policy issues, Joe devoted a considerable amount of time to public pension issues as cities, villages and towns grappled with growing unfunded pension liabilities. Joe became involved with government service in 1997 when he was selected as a James H. Dunn, Jr. Fellow and assigned to work with the deputy chief of staff to then Illinois Governor Jim Edgar. Following the fellowship, Joe worked in the legislative and policy units of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (now the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) prior to joining the Illinois Municipal League. Joe holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Western Illinois University and a master's degree in public policy from Regent University. He grew up in Cook County, Illinois (Oak Lawn), but now resides in Sangamon County, Illinois (Chatham).

Raphaliata McKenzie, Senior Vice President, Director and Owner has been with Speer Financial since 1997. She is a Certified Independent Public Municipal Advisor by National Association of Municipal Advisors and Qualified Municipal

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Advisor Representative (Series 50) with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Raphaliata is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. She earned her B. S. Finance degree from DePaul University. She was an accountant with Jane Addams Hull House Association (1995-1997), with other prior experience at a Chicago based commercial bank and an investment bank.

Rachel Musiala, Director of Finance, Village of Hoffman Estates has been with the Village of Hoffman Estates for over 23 years. She started with the Village as the Accountant and moved on to Fiscal Operations Manager, Assistant Director, and then onto Director of Finance, the position she currently holds. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from Northern Illinois University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Rachel has been a part of the Budget Review Panel for the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program for many years and has completed the GFOA Advanced Government Finance Institute. Rachel has been involved with the Illinois GFOA Technical Accounting Review Committee and the Professional Education Committee (PEC), and she is currently the chairperson for PEC. Rachel is also a Certified Pension Fund Trustee.

Kay Nees, Finance Director, City of Champaign leads the Finance Department in providing the full range of municipal financial services including financial planning and budgeting; financial operations; investments; debt management; financial reporting; and records management. The Finance Department also provides financial analysis to the City Council and staff on economic and community development issues. Ms. Nees also serves as Co-chair of the City's Capital Improvements Review Team, which develops the City's Capital Improvements Plan. She has a Master of Business Administration, Eastern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. Ms. Nees is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. She has previously served as a reviewer of Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the Special Review Committee for the Governmental Finance Officers Association.

Kevin O'Kelly has over 10 years of experience serving public finance issuers. He has been a Vice President in the Public Finance department at Raymond James since 2017, after spending 5 years in public finance at William Blair and serving as a municipal bond trustee for 5 years at Wells Fargo Bank. His experience includes municipal General Obligation bonds in Illinois and Connecticut and national higher education, health care and industrial development Indenture-based revenue bonds. Prior to his public finance services, Mr. O'Kelly served as a budget analyst for 3 years in the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Mr. O'Kelly received his Bachelors of Science in Economics with an emphasis in Public Finance from Northern Illinois University. As a student at College of DuPage and Northern Illinois University, Mr. O'Kelly served as the student board member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (2002-2003) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (2003-2004).

Gloria Osborn is the Director of Finance & Information Systems for the City of Galesburg. Prior to being promoted to this position in January 2004, she held four other positions in the City's finance department and has been with the City since 1986. In her current position she is responsible for twelve staff members who, with a team approach, complete such functions as information systems, budgeting, accounting, payroll, utility billing, investing, centralized purchasing, grants management, and customer service. With the invaluable assistance of her staff, the City has attained the GFOA CAFR Award since 1996. Gloria earned a Bachelor of Business from Western Illinois University and a Master of Business Administration from St. Ambrose University. She is active in the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association, where she serves as Past President of the Downstate Chapter board. Gloria is also a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association and the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada. She was also active with the local community unit school district where she served for 12 years as a school board member.

Lee Painter, CISSP, HCISPP, CRISC, CCSFP is a Principal in the CLA Information Security Services Group. Lee has 18 years of experience in CyberSecurity and technology positions. As the Director of Threat Analysis/Network Forensics at Navy Cyber Defense Operations Command, Lee was responsible for the day to day protection and strategic vision for the defense of the world's largest enterprise network. Transitioning to the private sector, Lee realized he had a passion for assisting clients in identifying potential threats and vulnerabilities that exist within their environment and providing solutions to enhance both the Security and Compliance with regulations and Information Security best practices. Since Lee has been with CLA, he has spent the majority of his time providing IT, Security Risk, and Consulting services to clients in healthcare, state and local governments, and Higher Education. Lee has a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems Management. Lee is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified

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Health Care Information Security and Privacy Practitioner (HCISPP), Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls (CRISC) and Certified Common Security Framework Practitioner (CCSFP).

Seema G. Patel is Senior Counsel in Chapman and Cutler's LLP Illinois Public Finance Department. Since joining the firm in 2008, she has served as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and underwriter's counsel in governmental purpose transactions in Illinois and around the country. Her experience includes financings related to general obligation debt, specific revenue pledges, utilities, exempt facilities, tax increment financing, and property assessed clean energy financings. She routinely advises issuers, banks, and municipal advisors on state law, federal tax law, and securities law matters related to the structure and sale of governmental obligations. She earned her bachelor's degree from Rice University and her Juris Doctorate from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Tom Rooney, Economics and History Teacher – Leyden High School District 212 teaches economics and history at West Leyden High School where he recently completed his 23rd year of teaching. Tom regularly achieves measurable excellence in the classroom when his students beat the average "pass rate" on their AP tests by more than double digit percentages. He spends a few weeks each summer in different parts of the country teaching teachers how to teach economics. While his B.A. is in history from Loyola University, he earned his M.P.A. from Northern Illinois University's Public Administration Division. He served as Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows for six years and as an Illinois State Senator for two years. During his administration in Rolling Meadows, Tom spearheaded the City's achievement of a Sunshine Award for becoming the 9th municipality in Illinois to score 100% transparency. (The City Finance Staff also earned the City two credit rating upgrades during that time.) He also served six years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Allie Rysell, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, a PSA (Pension Services Administrator), has worked closely with pension board trustees, active and pensioned members, pension attorneys, and municipal/district representatives providing professional guidance to ensure adherence to all compliance matters and to ease the administrative burden felt by many of our public safety officers. Allie's exceptional client service has been integral in her successful expansion of Lauterbach & Amen's PSA services beyond public pension funds into the development of our PASS (Professional Administrative Support Services) Department. Ms. Rysell has been a speaker at conferences for IPPFA, AFFI and IPFA.

Jay Schulman, Principal, RSM US LLP is the National Leader for Blockchain and Digital Assets at RSM. Bringing together all of the services across RSM including Audit, Tax, and Consulting, Jay leads the firm's capability in addressing both enterprise blockchain technology and the adoption of digital assets such as bitcoin. With 20 years' experience in information security and technology innovation, Jay helps clients think through the overall risk of adopting blockchain and digital assets and how to mitigate those risks through operational security and proper implementation of the technology.

Brian Smith, Assistant Director of Finance, Village of Wheeling is a registered Certified Public Accountant with a B.S. in accounting from North Central College in Naperville. Brian began his career auditing municipalities as a staff accountant for Sikich, LLP, but has also worked in various finance positions for the Villages of Bloomingdale, Carpentersville, and Wheeling. He currently serves as the Assistant Finance Director for the Village of Wheeling.

M. Neal Smith, Jr. Partner, Robbins Schwartz represents municipalities, school districts, community colleges and other local governmental clients as well as companies and individuals in a wide range of complex legal matters. In addition to representing clients in tort and commercial litigation, Neal represents clients in several unique areas of the law including land use and zoning litigation, construction litigation and election law and campaign finance matters. Neal has represented clients in state and Federal Court and before administrative agencies such as the Illinois State Board of Elections, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois Labor Relations Board. Neal advises clients in contract drafting and review. For local governmental clients, he prepares and reviews ordinances, resolutions and intergovernmental agreements, attends board and committee meetings and advises elected and appointed officials and employees on all types of legal issues that concern local governmental clients. Neal Smith concentrates his practice in the areas of board governance, land use issues, tax, finance and litigation. Neal advises municipal and school district electoral boards and candidates running for public office on issues concerning ballot access and campaign finance.

Kirk Stinchcombe is a Sustainability Specialist with Econics. His work is driven by a passion for water sustainability and conservation. Prior to founding Econics, Kirk was the Manager of Operational Policy with the BC Ministry of Environment's Water Stewardship Division. Kirk spent much of the last decade in South East Queensland. There, he was

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responsible for developing and delivering critical large-scale demand management projects as part of the response to the “Millennium Drought”. Kirk has published and spoken internationally on various topics related to water efficiency and sustainability including leakage and pressure management, rainwater harvesting, water use accounting, community-based social marketing and water pricing. Kirk is a special advisor to the University of Victoria's POLIS Water Sustainability Project and is a Member the Board of the Chicago-based Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE). He has a Masters in Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo, a Masters of Business Administration from Griffith University in Australia and is a certified Project Management Professional.

Patrice Sutton is the Finance Director for Lake County. Previously, she served as the Finance Director of the Villages of Libertyville and Round Lake Beach as well as the Deputy Finance Director of Lake County and the City of Highland Park. She is a CPFO and chairs the CPFO Team of the IGFOA Professional Education Committee. Prior to her work in government finance, she was a consultant working with government organizations on technology assessments and system procurement and implementations. She has a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Jason Szabo is the Finance Director of Enterprise Fleet Management, a full-service vehicle management business and affiliate of Enterprise Holdings Inc. In this role, Szabo has overall responsibility of the Enterprise Fleet Management administrative operations, working with existing and prospective clients on improving the total cost of ownership of their fleet, as well as the financial underwriting of the vehicle lease terms. Jason started his Enterprise career in Indianapolis as a Staff Accountant in 2001, shortly after graduating from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business with a degrees in finance and accounting. His performance led to several opportunities including Group Controller-Enterprise Car Sales and Truck Rental and Group Controller-Enterprise Rent-A-Car. In 2010, he became the Finance Director for Enterprise Fleet Management-Illinois Operation. The Illinois Operation manages 28,000 vehicles with 450+ clients in various industries, including non-profit and government entities.

Scott Termine, Partner, BKD, LLP has over 20 years-experience providing government and not-for-profit audit, accounting and consulting services. He has been a partner with BKD, LLP since August 2008. Prior to that he was an Executive with Crowe Horwath LLP. Scott is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Scott volunteers as a member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer/Chair of Finance Committee with the Joliet Montessori School.

Marc Thorson is the Executive Director of Regional Technology Services in the Division of Information Technology (DoIT). He oversees all aspects of NIU's broadband, Internet service, and technology service offerings to communities, school districts, and other government and nonprofits organizations. Prior to joining NIU, Marc has worked in the local government Information Technology field in just about every capacity for over 20 years including desktop support, application developer, network administrator, network engineer, compliance lead, and director. He is passionate about Information Security and data-driven decision making in environments with resource challenges. Marc is also an adjunct instructor for the nationally-ranked Northern Illinois University Master of Public Administration program. The course focus is educating future local government and nonprofit leadership on what Information Technology does, why it is a critical competency for public organizations, and how to utilize it to its greatest potential in an era of shrinking budgets. Marc has a Master of Business Administration from Northern Illinois University with a focus on Management of Information Services and Marketing. He is the Marketing Director for GMIS International, Committee Chairperson for GMIS Accreditation, and Past President for GMIS Illinois.

Rita A. Trainor began her professional career in “Big 8” public accounting, subsequently worked in internal auditing in manufacturing and spent 10 years in corporate offices of a telecommunications corporation in a variety of positions including SEC reporting, has worked in local government since 1994 as a Finance Director in both park districts and municipal environment. She is a past president of the IL Government Finance Officers' Association and an active member of the IGFOA's Technical Accounting Review Committee since 1995, member of the ICPAS Governmental Executive Committee. She is a CPA, CMA and certified IL Government Finance Officer with over 30 years of experience. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Accounting.

Jason Tyra is the Vice President of Enterprise Fleet Management, a full-service vehicle management business and affiliate of Enterprise Holdings Inc. In this role, Jason is responsible for the overall strategic direction of Enterprise Fleet Management in the state of Illinois. These responsibilities include overall growth, profitability, and customer service. Jason started his career with Enterprise in 2004, after graduating from Auburn University's School of Business with a degree in Marketing and a MBA in Finance & Administration. Over the past 15 years with Enterprise Fleet Management,

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he has served in a variety of different sales and operational roles, spanning over 5 states including Alabama, Arizona, Texas, Kentucky and Illinois.

Kevin Wachtel has 20 years of experience in local government management and finance administration. Mr. Wachtel was appointed Finance Director for the Village of Villa Park in 2014 and serves as a Trustee on the Villa Park Fire Pension Board. Prior to working in Villa Park, Mr. Wachtel served in leadership roles in other small and mid-sized suburban Chicago communities. Kevin earned a B.S. in Political Science in 1998 and Master of Public Administration degree in 2000 from Northern Illinois University. In 2011, Mr. Wachtel was recognized by the GFOA as a Certified Public Finance Officer. Mr. Wachtel has been active in the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association, where he is currently serving on the Executive Board. He has served on the IGFOA Professional Education Committee and the South Metro Chapter board from 2005 – 2009, including President from 2007-2008.

Laurel Warren currently serves as the Fiscal Operations Manager for the Village of Hoffman Estates. Laurel has almost 20 years of local government finance experience. In addition to the Village of Hoffman Estates, Laurel has held the title of Accountant for the Village of South Elgin, Accounting Supervisor for the City of Aurora and Finance Manager for the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District. Laurel earned her BS Degree in Accounting from DePaul University and is a Certified Public Accountant. She is currently pursuing the CPFO designation and has passed two of the exams. Laurel has been a member of IGFOA for over 10 years.

A. J. Weber, CPA, Principal, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP has over ten years of experience in professional accounting, including over seven years working in governmental, Not-for-Profit and private sectors of public accounting. As a certified public accountant, A.J. works closely with Article 3 and Article 4 pension boards, overseeing the accounting and compliance reporting for over 250 pension funds. In addition, he provides tax preparation services to pension fund members and small business owners. A.J. is an instructor of the IPPFA Certified Trustee Training Program, and has spoken at numerous conferences for IPPFA, IPFA and AFFI addressing topics ranging from compliance reporting to Social Security benefits.

Dalena Welkomer is Senior Vice President of Baird Public Finance. Since joining Baird in 2004, Dalena has assisted many Illinois issuers with their bond transactions such as the Cities of Champaign, East Peoria and Streator and the Villages of Bedford Park, Oswego and Plainfield. Her experience cuts across many types of financings including refundings, general obligation and revenue, special district, water and sewer, tax increment, school, and higher education. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois where she received a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance with a minor in International Business and Economics. She is licensed through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a Municipal Securities Representative (Series 52) and is a registered Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Municipal Advisor (MSRB) (Series 50).

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