

IGFOA Professional Education Committee Accounting and Financial Reporting Team presents:
Building a Strong System of Internal Controls in Your Government
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Anthony is responsible for providing technical services to Sikich's governmental clients and has participated in hundreds of audits of municipalities and other governmental entities since beginning his career with Sikich in 2005. He has also served as lead instructor for governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting and internal control courses internally and throughout the country. Anthony serves as a member of the GFOA Special Review Committee and the Illinois CPA Society Government Report Review Committee.

Mary O'Connor, ASA, CRE, CMI, CFE, Principal, Forensic and Valuation Services, Sikich

Mary has worked exclusively in the field of valuation and financial forensics over her career. She specializes in business valuation and the appraisal of tangible and intangible assets for litigation and financial statement reporting with special focus in intangible assets in property tax appeal, securities, and transaction matters. Mary has provided opinions to a wide variety of public and private clients in a range of industries including health care, governmental entities, agricultural businesses and food companies, senior living, technology, financial services, automotive, hospitality/gaming, manufacturing, natural resources, retail, utilities, waste management/recycling and real estate development. She is experienced in melding the skills of investigative accounting, valuation, economic analysis, fraud investigation and forensic technology in cases of all sizes. Mary has conducted many investigations of fraud and employee dishonesty for both publicly traded and privately held companies as well as municipal units and school districts.

Jennifer Paprocki, CPRP, Executive Director, Fox Valley Park District

Jennifer is the Executive Director for the Fox Valley Park District. She has previously served as the Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Finance for the District and started her career as a local government auditor. Jennifer is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional, CPRP and a member of the GFOA, IGFOA, NRPA and the IAPD/IPRA. She holds a Bachelor of Science (BS), Accounting and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Accounting concentration from Aurora University.