
For Executive Board Region 2

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Michael Stone, AAS, is the Chief Deputy Assessor of the Cook County Assessor's Office, the nation's second largest jurisdiction valuing 1.8 million parcels valued at over \$133 billion, staff of nearly 400 persons and an annual budget of \$25 million. Prior to becoming Chief Deputy, Michael was the Chief Legal Counsel and served on the office's Education Committee, promoting appraisal education and designation obtainment.

Michael has served on the IAAO Legal Committee since 2005, assisting in organizing annual legal conferences, selecting speakers, planning events and reviewing legal matters for IAAO. He has edited two publications for IAAO: "Understanding Your Assessment" and "For the Property Owner Who Wants to Know." He led the development of a multi-jurisdictional study on affordable housing, which was presented at Councils and Sections Seminar and published in the *Journal of Property Tax Assessment & Administration*. He has been a presenter at numerous IAAO events, including the Annual Conferences in Anchorage, Milwaukee, Atlanta, and Reno, at annual Legal Seminars in Chicago, the Prep and Trial Seminar in Las Vegas and the Special Topics Seminar in New Orleans and Kansas City. He has successfully completed numerous IAAO courses and received his AAS designation in 2008. He is currently a candidate for the CAE designation.

Michael has also been a presenter at a variety of other civic and government organizations, including the National Housing Council's National Seminar, the Illinois Housing Council's Annual Meeting, the Illinois Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Housing Seminar and DePaul University. He is a member in the MacArthur Foundation's Preservation Compact, an initiative to preserve affordable housing, and head of the Compact's Property Tax Keystone. Together with staff, he co-authored an in-depth valuation of all Cook County Hospitals, which was presented to the County Board of Commissioners. He was also responsible for expanding a partnership between Cook County, local municipalities and businesses that returns tax delinquent parcels to the tax rolls.

Prior to joining the Assessor's Office, Michael was with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and was an attorney in private practice.

Michael is a 1996 graduate of The University of Chicago Law School and a 1991 cum laude graduate of Harvard University. He is a member of the State Bar of Illinois and is also a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer and a Certified Income Tax Preparer.