

## **Mega-Mansion Valuations, Unrestrained Riparian Rights, & Country Club Challenges**

### **Andrea Raila**

Andrea Raila, BA in Economics, IAAO 30+ year member, Founder & CEO for Training Research Advocacy & Education Network, Inc. (website TRAENInc.com), a public policy and tax consulting think tank. Ms. Raila brings a wealth of experience in property tax consulting as the CEO of Raila & Associates, Inc. Her 43 years in the property tax assessment industry includes experience as a former tax case reviewer at the Cook County Board of Review appointed under former IL Governor Pat Quinn, then tax commissioner. She was an advocate for property taxpayers at the Chicago Comptroller's Office, Department of Taxpayer Advocate under former Mayor Washington.

She has served on real estate chambers, boards, and commissions, including serving as former Secretary & President of the Mundelein College & Gannon Scholar Alumnae Board at Loyola University, and a 15-year appointed Commissioner At Large for the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues by Cook County President Preckwinkle. Ms. Raila is active in youth mentoring programs, encouraging students to explore the property tax assessment field. She is a frequent source for local and national newspapers, radio, and TV outlets including as a guest commentator and resource for the national syndicated financial advisor Terry Savage.

### **Emily Frank**

Ms. Frank, BS Physics, Certificated Paralegal & Notary Public, IAAO Member, has conducted a wide variety of database development and numeric analysis, and works as a Property Tax Analyst serving the Chicagoland area. Her most recent education is a Paralegal Studies Certificate from DePaul University which positions her to work efficiently in multi-agency appeals at the County and State level. Prior to this work, she has 15 years of experience with a focus in standardization of measurement processes and instrumentation including onsite work in Shanghai and Dongguan, China. She is driven by the belief that through law, research, and standardization we advance the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals.

## **Thomas A. Jaconetty, Esq.**

Thomas Jaconetty (B.A., History (Honors) and Political Science (Honors), summa cum laude, Loyola University of Chicago (1975); J.D. Northwestern University School of Law (1978)) has participated in over 160 real estate tax and assessment seminars in 30 cities across the U.S. and Canada sponsored by some 20 professional organizations since 1985. He has authored 20 articles in State Tax Notes (e.g. “Real Property Valuation in the Face of the National Foreclosure Crisis,” Volume 67, No. 4, 235-260 (January 28, 2013)), Illinois State Bar (ISBA) Tax Trends, Assessment Journal, Commerce Clearinghouse, Lorman Education, Journal of Property Tax Management, Illinois Bar Journal, Chicago Bar Record, and Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE). In mid-August of 2024 he became Of Counsel to the Chicago office of Ryan Law.

Mr. Jaconetty both edited and contributed articles to the IAAO contaminated property (2002) and subsidized housing (2003) anthologies. He has advised the IAAO technical standards committee on the environmental contamination standard (1999-2001, 2015-2016); received 7 presidential citations, the Donahoo (1996) and Clifford B. Mellon “Most Valuable Member” (2006) Awards; served 28 years (10 as Chair) on its Legal Committee (1991-2018),

and was inducted into the inaugural class of Fellows (2018). A 14-year member of the National Conference of State Tax Judges (1996-2012), he was Chair (2002-2004) and its “Lawrence Lasser Tax Judge of the Year” (2005). His biography has appeared for many years in Who’s Who in American Law, Who’s Who in America, and Who’s Who in the World, resulting in Who’s Who “Life-Time Achievement Award” and 2020 Millennium Magazine profile.

Mr. Jaconetty is 24-year General Editor of the IICLE State and Local Taxation Handbook, and co-author of Chapters 1: “Power to Tax” (1991-2021) and 13: “Local Government Taxes” (2017, 2021) (planned 2025 revision). A 35-year ISBA State and Local Taxation Section Council member, he has served on 6 Civic Federation or other task forces and been Adjunct Professor at the John Marshall Law School (2008-2021), as well as Faculty Associate (1995—2012) and guest lecturer at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (1994-1995, 1999, 2011-2012), DePaul University College of Law (2014-2018, 2020, 2022, 2024), University of Illinois (2013), and UIC Center for Urban Planning and Policy (2022, 2024).

Retired from public service with the Cook County Board of Review and Cook County Assessor (1981-2018), he is active in 5 bar associations and now practices law in Chicago.

A 20-year judge/mentor for Chicago History Day and 24-year grade school history lecturer, Mr. Jaconetty regularly judges Northwestern University, ABA/National Appellate Advocacy, CBA, and other Moot Court competitions. He has also served on the Regina Dominican High School Board of Directors (2009-2023), Weber High School Alumni Board (2017-present), and is a Trustee of Dominican Veritas Ministries, Inc. (2023-present). Along with his wife Judith E. Hamill who is active in a variety of charitable and civic organizations and an accomplished urban planner and grant writer, he is co-recipient of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Christi Fidelis and Regina's Martin De Porres and Regina Caeli Awards. He has co-authored with daughter Nicole, Senior Director of Research at Global Strategy Group, a 50-page monograph on the 1899 creation in Chicago of the world's first formally organized juvenile court.