

VICTOR E. BLACKWELL

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS TRUSTEE: VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS CONSOLIDATED ELECTION OF APRIL 1, 2025



Mr. Blackwell is currently a Trustee for the Village of Olympia Fields and Trustee Liaison to the Finance and Human Resources Departments. In these roles, he makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees in both critical areas of operations to preserve village funds and maintain adequate staffing to manage village business. During his tenure as Trustee, he coordinated three (3) property tax seminars for village residents providing direct assistance to reduce their property tax burdens. Prior to his term as Trustee, Mr. Blackwell was Chairman of the Village of Olympia Fields Planning and Zoning Commission for 19 years where he promoted economic development and appropriate businesses. He is President of the Village of Olympia Fields Hawthorne Hills Homeowners Association. He and his wife have lived in the Village since 1994 and raised both their children in Olympia Fields.

Mr. Blackwell is the Executive Director of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board for the State of Illinois. He has served in this capacity for more than 20 years. Prior to his appointment in this position, he served as Chief of Prosecutions for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations where he supervised 22 attorneys. Prior to that position, he was Chicago Personnel Manager for the Illinois Secretary of State, then, an Adjudicator for the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services. He completed two internships; one as a Legal Intern for the Illinois Securities Department; and another as a Reference Library Intern for the Illinois Secretary of State.

Mr. Blackwell earned his Law degree in 1991 from Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, where he graduated with honors; and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois, with triple minors in Economics, Sociology and Spanish.

Mr. Blackwell served on the Marian Catholic High School Diversity Council and was Committee Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America, Calumet Council, Pack 186, Illinois-Indiana, for four years.

Mr. Blackwell has served as the Treasurer and a Director for the William Simpson Essay Scholarship Foundation of Park Forest, Illinois for 23 years. He managed the Foundation's fiscal operations, coordinated the scholarship essay program and acted as legal advisor to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Mr. Blackwell is a member of the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Public Sector Labor Law Conference Planning Committee, where he has taught labor law, ethics and diversity in the workplace during the Annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Law Conferences.

Among his professional associations, Mr. Blackwell is a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, Loyola University of Chicago Alumni Association; Previous Member of the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. He was nominated for "Outstanding Young Men of America" and listed in "Who's Who Registry of Rising Young Americans; He was a Coordinator for Loyola University Law School Minority Mentoring Program; He received various awards, including a Certificate of Recognition from Rochester Institute of Technology, National Institute for the Deaf; Dean's List, Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, Certificate of Completion from the Chicago Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) in Mediation Skills and a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor, National Occupational Information Network.