

# 2024 Marshall Theroux Memorial Award Nomination

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## Nominee's Information

Nominee's Name:	Jane Smith
Nominee's Title:	Supervisor of Assessments
Nominee's Jurisdiction:	Grandview County
Years in Property Assessment:	25
Nominated By:	Harold Hill, Mountain View County

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## Nomination Questions:

### How has this person demonstrated high ethical standards?

Jane has always demonstrated high ethical standards both in her everyday work and how she has conducted herself with other assessment related organizations. She served for two years on the IPAI Ethics Committee.

Jane is a strong voice and supporter of other county CCAOs from around the state, guiding them in the correct way to do their work so their counties were served with honesty and integrity. She help instill the values of doing things the right way into others.

While serving on her local park district board, Jane discovered a lifeguard had been stealing money from the pool concession stand. She led the internal investigation around this and helped implement new controls to make sure something like that could not happen again.

### How has this person demonstrated dedication to professional achievement?

Jane was first appointed as the assessor for Smallview Township in 1998. In 1999 her constituents elected her to the position for a full term. In 2011, she was appointed Grandview County Supervisor of Assessments and has served there since.

Because of her good work and reputation, Jane was asked to be contracted temporarily to a neighboring county when they were going through a transition. Once the new CCAO was hired, Jane continued to serve as a close mentor to them.

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She has become a trusted voice for supervisors of assessment across the state. Jane has traveled to counties, some on the other side of Illinois from where she lives, to meet with and mentor new assessors. She has also met with county boards from various parts of the state to help educate them on the role of the supervisor of assessments.

## **How has this person demonstrated dedication to the service of others (inside and outside of the assessment office)?**

This is a long list, but for anyone who knows Jane that will not be a surprise.

Past Chair, CAO A Area II  
Past Board Treasurer, CAO A  
Past President, CAO A  
Past Board Member, Illinois Assessors Association  
Past Member, IPAI Ethics Committee  
Past Presenter, IPAI State Conference

Member, IPAI Education Committee  
Member, CIAO Association Board of Directors  
Member, PTAC  
Member, CIAO Association  
Member, IAAO

Past Trustee, Whoville Park District Board  
Past Member, St John's Lutheran Church Board  
Past Chair, Whoville Community Christmas Parade  
Past President, Whoville Noon Rotary Club

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Member, Grandview County Humane Society Board  
Chair, Smallview Area Needy Children's Fund  
President, Nelson Rockefeller Elementary School PTO



## ORANGE COUNTY

Office of the Supervisor of Assessments

101 W Main St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Cabery, Illinois

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Marshall Theroux Memorial Award Committee  
c/o Illinois Property Assessment Institute  
207 W Jefferson St, STE 303  
Bloomington, IL 61701

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today to endorse Jane Smith, Lackawanna County CCAO, for the 2024 Marshall Theroux Memorial Award.

I met Jane when we both served on the County Assessment Officers Association Board. I found Jane to be knowledgeable with a deep passion for assessment work and local government. We agreed from the beginning that it was important to supply quality continuing education to all members of the assessment community.

In one particular instance, she provided me with a thorough knowledge on how to set up a new CAMA system in our office. Jane's insight and advice was very helpful to me. It allowed me to establish a framework and roadmap on which to proceed. Jane supplied the necessary contracts for others who had put in a new CAMA system and she shared her experiences with me. All of it helped make our new CAMA process smoother and helped to avoid many future headaches.

Jane is highly respected and well-regarded by her peers and it is an honor for me to endorse her for the Marshall Theroux Memorial Award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Peterson, CIAO  
Chief County Assessment Officer  
Orange County

## **Florsheim Township Assessor**

1860 North First Street

Ledford, Illinois

*"Servant of the People"*

November 6, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I am proudly submitting Jane Smith for the 2024 Theroux award!

I have known Jane for 25 years. In fact, we first met at an IPAI March Workshop in Springfield. She immediately became my mentor.

I have been impressed with her involvement. She is a former township assessor, now a supervisor of assessments. She is a past member of the CAO Board, serves on the Education Committee for IPAI, and previously served on her township assessors association board.

Jane is a person you can always count on. She is kind, patient, ready and willing to help others. I can't think of a better more deserving person for the Marshall Theroux Award than Jane.

Sincerely,

Roger Davis, CIAO-M



Harold Hill, CIAO-I  
Supervisor of Assessments

November 12, 2023

Board of Directors  
Illinois Property Assessment Institute  
207 W Jefferson St, STE 303  
Bloomington, IL 61701

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to endorse the selection of Grandview County Supervisor of Assessments Jane Smith for the 2024 Marshall Theroux Memorial Award.

I have known and worked with Jane for more than a decade. We worked collaboratively on assessment legislation in Illinois, and Jane was always willing to provide a meaningful perspective on the issues and challenges facing assessors in similar jurisdictions. Jane was also a valuable asset to the CAOIA when she was on its Board of Directors. She guided the organization as president for two years and has continued to serve on various committees since leaving office.

Finally, Jane's involvement in CAOIA and numerous other assessment organizations is because she cares about people and wants them to succeed, both professionally and personally.

For these and many more reasons, I am honored to endorse the selection of Grandview County Supervisor of Assessments Jane Smith for the 2024 Marshall Theroux Memorial Award..

Sincerely,

Harold Hill, CIAO  
Supervisor of Assessments  
Mountain View County