



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Submitted By**

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Carrie B. Washington to Act as an Administrative Law Judge for the Village of Oak Park for a One-Year Period and Authorizing Its Execution**

### **Overview**

The Village annually hires administrative law judges under contract for the Village's administrative adjudication process. The law judges conduct hearings of alleged violations of Village ordinances.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the resolution

### **Fiscal Impact**

The hourly fee for the administrative law judges is \$84.00. This rate is consistent with the rates in many other suburban communities whose hourly rates range from \$65.00 to \$125.00. The fiscal year 2022 budget is \$145,000 for the administrative law judges and the bailiff.

### **Background**

The adjudication law judges as a group will hear in excess of 6,000 cases in 2022. The judges currently all meet State law requirements for their positions. Administrative law judges have served the Village for more than a decade.

Last year, the Adjudication Department provided training on implicit bias and restorative justice for the judges. In addition, as licensed attorneys, they have completed implicit bias training as mandated by the Illinois Supreme Court.

### **Alternatives**

N/A

### **Previous Board Action**

Annually, the Village hires new or renews existing contracts for administrative law judges.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A

**Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

N/A

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

N/A