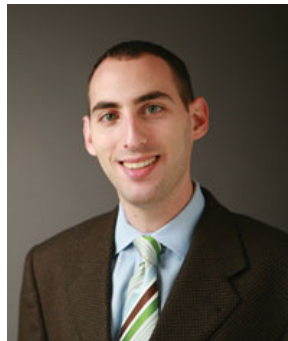


UNDERSTANDING ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT: An Overview for REALTORS®

Presented by: **Howard Handler, NSBAR Government Affairs Director**

Understanding Illinois local government is essential in representing your clients. Being fluent in the types of Illinois local government and their purposes can help guide your clients in choosing where they want to live and who to turn to for services. With more units of local government than any other state in the nation, grasping local government can be tricky. Homes with an Evanston address that are actually in Skokie, or unincorporated areas without municipal police protection can throw off even the most experienced REALTORS®. This session will provide an overview of relevant local units of government. ***This session is ONLY for NSBAR Members. If you are not a member, you may consider joining as a secondary member with NSBAR in order to attend our free membership appreciation classes.***

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As a campaign staffer and political consultant, Handler mapped and executed strategy on a number of high-profile campaigns on the federal, state and local level, including Melissa Bean's campaign for Congress, John Schmidt's campaign for Governor, and Manny Flores's campaign for Chicago Alderman.

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Howard maintains his Illinois real estate salesperson license and is a former member of the International Association of Assessing Officers. A native of Northbrook (Ill.), Handler received his undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is completing his thesis toward a master's in Public Policy and Administration at Northwestern University.