

Mike was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in West Virginia. He graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and minored in chemistry and communications. After graduating Marshall University he attended Chicago-Kent College of Law and in 1999 received his Juris Doctor. "Having a finance degree and law degree helps me make responsible economic and sound legal decisions."

Mike decided to further his educational endeavors and will graduate in May 2008 with a Masters of Law degree in Real Estate Law from the John Marshall Law School. "I am very interested in real estate law and going back to school enables me to acquire the substantive knowledge and to develop the skills necessary to become a successful real estate attorney."

Mike has been a licensed attorney in Illinois since 1999 representing individuals, small businesses, and large fortune 500 companies in the following areas: banking, corporate transactions, commercial and residential real estate, and commercial litigation. Prior to being elected Village Commissioner, Mike served as Chairman on Forest Park's Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I have been a resident for over 10 years. I've seen many improvements and watched Forest Park's popularity grow. I intend to spend many more years here and I hope to play a key role in the community's continued progress"

In addition to being an attorney and elected official, Mike enjoys volunteering, writing sports articles for a local paper, attending Marshall University football games, and playing basketball.