



**Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley
Township Trustee**

Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley was elected as Township Trustee in May 2017 for a 4-year term. Michelle is currently a Staff Attorney at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. There she focuses on police reform within Chicago Public Schools and policy reform in the area of mental health and criminal justice reform. She serves on the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission's Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee and the Coalition to Rehabilitate and Reinvest in Youth Justice. In 2017, She was awarded the Crain's Chicago Business 20 in their 20's, an award that acknowledges the top 20 professionals in their 20's in the Chicagoland area.

Michelle received her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where she was awarded the Tony Patino Fellowship. In law school Michelle served as a law clerk for the Police Accountability Clinic and the Invisible Institute. There she participated in a youth project designed to discuss and improve the everyday interactions between youth of color and police officers in Chicago.

Michelle started her legal career in the Civil Rights Division of Equip for Equality. There she provided legal assistance to individuals living with disabilities in Illinois state prisons and Institutions of Mental Diseases. Michelle earned her B.A. from Stony Brook University in German Language and Literature, Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies. As a former Émigré Memorial German Fellow, she worked for Germany's State Parliament in the Department of Education and Integration advocating for primary/secondary language assistance programs for immigrant children in Germany. Michelle will serve as liaison to IGOV.

A lifelong resident of Oak Park, Michelle attended Horace Mann School, Percy Julian Middle School, and Oak Park and River Forest High School. Michelle has a 2 year old son named Aden. She enjoys going to the Farmer's Market, attending the Oak Park Festival Theatre, walking around Oak Park, singing at the Oak Park Arms, and enjoying all that Oak Park has to offer.