

# Aycha Sawa

**CPA:** CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

April 2010 – Present, #22749-001

**CIA:** CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR

June 2015 – Present, #138642

## EXPERIENCE

**JANUARY 2017 – PRESENT**

**DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

- Lead the City Comptroller's office of 8 divisions alongside the City Comptroller
- Represent the Comptroller and the department on various boards and committees
- Ensure that internal audits conducted are independent and in line with maintaining proper internal controls in various City departments
- Aid the operational goals of the divisions by assisting with ensuring financial statements are produced timely, payroll is timely, debt is issued accordingly
- Further the office's achievement of its strategic mission by implementing initiatives to increase efficiency and effectiveness
- Support workforce retention of the office by ensuring proper training and development for employees

**MARCH 2015 – JANUARY 2017**

**ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR, CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

- Provided oversight to the financial reporting and accounting division of the department
- Supported timely delivery of financial statements
- Aided the external financial auditors to ensure timely completion of the annual audit
- Communicated City accounting methods to other City departments to ensure accurate and timely reporting

**MARCH 2012 – FEBRUARY 2015**

**AUDIT MANAGER, CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

- Lead the audit division to ensure reliable professional audits
- Advised auditors daily on issues during the audit process
- Reviewed all audits and audit reports to ensure that testing accurately supports conclusions
- Monitored "Yellowbook" (Governmental audit standards) compliance by maintaining consistent policies and procedures
- Ensured compliance with continuing education requirements for all staff members
- Presented audit reports to the Finance and Personnel Committee
- Developed annual audit work plan by assessing risk and prioritizing audits accordingly
- Assigned audits to auditors that enables their professional development and broadens their understanding of City operations

**MAY 2011 – FEBRUARY 2012**

**LEAD AUDITOR/ACTING AUDIT MANAGER, CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

- Planned and fully performed large-scale city-wide audits independently

- Developed audit standardization and policies and procedures for implementation
- Wrote training materials for new auditors coming on board
- Trained newly hired auditors
- Developed a formal audit work plan for 2012
- Advised and reviewed workpapers for all audits being conducted
- Presented multiple audits to Finance and Personnel Committee
- Assisted management with reviewing vendor contracts' audit provisions

**JULY 2010 – MAY 2011**

**AUDITOR, CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

- Planned and executed audits independently
- Worked collaboratively with lead auditors on large complex audits
- Completed special financial projects through complex analysis and investigation
- Formalized audit processes through constant development and standardization of procedures and documentation with audit team members and management
- Conducted official entrance and exit conferences for audit independently
- Drafted complete audit reports
- Presented those audit reports to Finance and Personnel Committee

**JANUARY 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2009**

**STAFF ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR, BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE, LLP**

- Performed financial audits for municipalities, counties, school districts, colleges and other government agencies
- Performed testing on single audits for government agencies
- Prepared audit reports, financial statements and related schedules required for governmental agencies to submit to the state
- Participated in the continual development of audit processes with state and local government audit team and management
- Completed reviews of comprehensive annual financial reports of non-client municipalities to determine compliance with the Government Finance Officers' Association

**JULY 2006 – DECEMBER 2007**

**JOURNEY AUDITOR, WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- Conducted multiple audits of the accounting systems of engineering firms to that the department outsources projects to
- Audited costs of completed transportation projects of \$3 million or more
- Performed account analysis on engineering firms' costs to validate expenses charged to the department
- Communicated results of audit to management of the engineering firms audited
- Reviewed Wisconsin municipal single audits, financial statements, contracts, and budgets in order to prepare yearly reports for city's transit entities
- Analyzed financial statements to pre-qualify firms to contract with the department

## **EDUCATION**

MAY 2006

**BACHELORS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – ACCOUNTING AND  
MANAGEMENT**

UNIVERSITY OF WICONSIN - MADISON

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT # 22749-001

April 2010 – Present

CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR – IIA 2015

June 2015 – Present

## **SKILLS**

LANGUAGES – Fluent in Turkish (written and oral) and conversational French

SOFTWARE – Microsoft Office, Peoplesoft