

Susan Lawler

Since 2000, Lawler has been with the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. In January, 2009, Sue moved into a Business Development position in Lake Forest Corporate Education (LFCE). In this new role, Sue will be responsible for growing the corporate education business, developing and nurturing new relationships, partnering with clients to understand their unique business challenges, and providing oversight of customized training programs.

Prior to her new role, Lawler had been the Associate Dean of the Chicago Campus which offers Chicagoland's fourth largest non-profit MBA program. School wide, she recruited, mentored, and managed faculty in healthcare, accounting, finance, legal, and research methods, in addition to developing and updating curriculum for these disciplines.

In 2000, Lawler expanded the Lake Forest MBA presence by developing a healthcare specialization MBA, and establishing on-site MBA programs at Sherman Hospital and at BlueCross BlueShield Association. Her campus team also oversaw a corporate MBA on-site program at True Value Corporation. In 2004, Lawler developed an organizational behavior specialization MBA. School wide, she conducted the faculty roll-out of Primary Trait Analysis, a tool for effective grading and assessing student learning.

Lawler started her career at Arthur Andersen as an auditor and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She is a member of the Illinois CPA Society. She held positions in accounting, finance and corporate business development at Baxter and Caremark. Her consulting positions included KPMG's national healthcare strategy practice and the Commercial Club of Chicago's Civic Committee where her team (Financial Research and Advisory Committee) provided pro-bono consulting to the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools.

Lawler has a BS in Accounting from the University of Illinois and an MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She is currently enrolled in Benedictine University's PhD program in Organizational Development.

Lawler has taught Accounting and Healthcare Finance for Keller Graduate School of Management and Leading Organizational Change for Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. She's looking forward to teaching again after completing her PhD.

An avid traveler, Lawler has been to more than 40 countries on six continents. She is a member of Old St. Patrick's church, was a founding board member of LIFT - Leading India's Future Today (leadership school for gifted children in Tamil Nadu, India) and is a volunteer for Coprodeli (serving the poorest of the poor in Peru). She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Union League Club of Chicago and chairs the Membership Committee.