



James J. Laski, Author and Former Chicago City Clerk to Appear on The Neal Asbury Show the Week of December 3rd.



Born and raised on the southwest side of Chicago, Laski graduated from St. Laurence High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University in Lockport, Illinois, graduating cum laude in 1975. He was awarded a Juris Doctorate degree from Northern Illinois University in 1978.

Laski rose up through the political ranks of then Alderman Lipinski before finally becoming chief of staff for the then Congressman Lipinski. He then advanced his political career by becoming Chicago's 23 Ward Alderman. As alderman of Chicago's 23rd ward,

Laski made headlines in 1993 by leading the fight against a proposed property tax increase. As alderman, Laski took a proactive approach to city legislation by sponsoring an ordinance to require carbon monoxide detectors in homes, schools, nursing homes and hospitals. This landmark legislation is credited with saving many lives and has served as a model for other cities across the country.

In 1995 Laski was elected to the office of Chicago City Clerk. Through a series of strategic implementations, he increased revenue collection and positioned the Clerk's office to act as a liaison between Chicago residents and the City Council. He used the office to become involved in legislative policies and sponsored many community programs and research projects.

He sponsored Chicago's child support enforcement ordinance, which denies business licenses to any "deadbeat" parent in arrears

in child support payments. The Chicago Chapter of the National Organization for Women honored Laski with it's first-ever "Power of Policy" award for his efforts to enact the ordinance.

His many responsibilities as Chicago City Clerk included maintaining official records of city government, publishing the Journal of Proceedings of the Chicago City Council, issuing all business licenses, liquor and other city licenses and the sale of more than 1.2 million vehicle stickers and over 60,000 residential permit parking permits. As Clerk, he was the second highest-ranking city official and oversaw the most visited office in City Hall.

While serving his third term in office, Laski pleaded guilty to taking \$48,000 in payoffs to get com-



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panies into the city's scandal-plagued Hired Truck Program following a two-year federal investigation of the scandal-plagued program that was designed to save money by outsourcing the city's hauling work to private truckers but which prosecutors say is awash in corruption. He pleaded guilty to one count of bribery and was sentenced on May 25 2006.

Jim paid his debt to society, serving 11 months in the Federal Penitentiary in West Virginia. While in prison Jim wrote a hard-hitting book, My Fall From Grace, which became a top political seller. The book covers his early political life exposing Chicago style politics, through the "Hired Truck Scandal and his time in prison. His scathing incitement of the federal prison system resulted in his book being banned (view the letter here) in federal penitentiaries across the country.

Jim currently has been speaking about his politics, ethics and the Federal Penitentiary System to audiences across the country. He

and his family, wife Kathleen, daughter Nina and twin sons, Jack and Bobby, still reside in Chicago's 23rd ward.

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