



## **KAREN L. HAAS**

**CLERK OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Karen Lehman Haas, a native of Catonsville, MD, was sworn in as Clerk of the House of Representatives for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on January 3, 2017. She is the 34<sup>th</sup> individual to serve as Clerk and previously served during the 109<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup>, 113<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

This is Ms. Haas' second occupancy of this position—in 2005, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert appointed Ms. Haas as Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and she served until he completed his term in 2007.

As Clerk, Ms. Haas plays a central role in the daily operations and legislative activities of the House.

Ms. Haas began her service on Capitol Hill in 1984, when she worked for then-Minority Leader Robert H. Michel. For nearly 11 years, she served as his Executive Legislative Assistant.

Following a brief leave to work in the private sector, Ms. Haas returned to Capitol Hill in June 1999 to serve as Floor Assistant to Speaker Hastert. In this capacity she coordinated the daily House Floor activity, including the appointment of presiding officers and other legislative activity.

Following her first term as Clerk, she served as Executive Director of the House Republican Conference and Minority Staff Director for the House Small Business Committee.

Ms. Haas attended public schools in Maryland and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a major in political science and a minor in economics. She resides in Maryland with her husband and two children.