



Janet Cowell

Raleigh, N. C.

Elected Treasurer in 2008

Statutory Appointment for Term of Office

Janet Cowell is the state's 27th elected Treasurer and is the first woman to win the post.

The daughter of a Methodist minister and a public school teacher in Memphis, Tennessee, Cowell grew up primarily in the Southeast until attending college at the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated with Honors and then earned a master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of Business and is a recent member of the its Global Executive Education Board. She also has a Master's degree in International Studies from the Lauder Institute.

Cowell worked as a financial analyst with organizations including HSBC Bank and Lehman Brothers in Asia before making her home in North Carolina in 1997. Living in Raleigh, North Carolina, she provided business consulting to various Fortune 500 companies and served as an adjunct professor at two institutions of higher learning in the state. She was twice elected to the Raleigh City Council and served three years. In 2004 she was elected to the North Carolina State Senate, representing Raleigh and the Research Triangle Park.