

# Joselynn J. Gardner

## Counsel

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With a business background and a long career in public service, Joselynn Gardner is uniquely qualified to represent both public and corporate sector clients in commercial real estate and supply chain transactions. Mindful of both the need for efficiency in a high-volume work environment and the important ethical and regulatory considerations of clients, Joselynn takes a steady, solution-focused approach to her work.



Clients value Joselynn's creative and collaborative style, which helps them find unique solutions to the complex challenges they face in negotiating contracts and navigating complex real estate transactions, including leasing and development projects. Her broad experience across multiple areas of law informs an empathetic perspective that focuses on closing deals and achieving goals without being adversarial.

Her experiences and skills have been sharpened in the crucibles of Cook County and City of Chicago Government – with responsibility and oversight on a range of corporate and municipal matters, and prior to becoming a lawyer, Joselynn had a career in management consulting. In these roles, Joselynn provided legal and business counsel to a host of corporate executives, elected officials, and government bodies relating to regulatory compliance, risk analysis, procurement, contracting, real estate, and finance.

She is passionate about her community service and has spent over 15 years working with law students while they prepare to take the bar exam in Illinois and California, as well as, created pipeline programs that prepare first generation and diverse law students for successful legal careers by teaching them tools for academic and employment goals during their time in law school.

## EXPERIENCE

### Clerkships

Judicial Extern, Hon. E. Kenneth Wright, Jr., Presiding Judge, 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal District, Circuit Court of Cook County (2004)

### Representative Engagements

- Tenant's counsel for national restaurant chain for complex commercial real estate transaction.
- Owner's counsel negotiated master property management contract for public education facilities.
- Landlord's counsel for long-term lease agreement with national telecommunications company.
- Lender's counsel for multi-family real estate development deal.

## **CREDENTIALS**

### **Education**

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2006  
Editor, *Adelphia Law Journal*  
ABA Moot Court Competition Quarter-Finalist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Advocate  
National Trial Advocacy Competition Quarter-Finalist  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., French and Pre-Medicine, 1996  
Powers-Knapp Scholar, 1992-1996  
Outstanding Student Leader, 1996  
Study Abroad, Université de Sorbonne Paris, France, Spring 1995

### **Bar Admissions**

Illinois

### **Teaching Appointments**

Adjunct Professor of Law, Professional Responsibility, Loyola University School of Law  
(2020-present)  
Adjunct Professor of Law, Moot Court Honors Program, University of Illinois Chicago School of  
Law (2007-2015)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Civic Leadership Academy, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government (2019)  
Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc.  
Treasurer, Board of Directors  
California Bar Process Management Program, Co-Coordinator  
Loyola University School of Law, Pugh-Kaufman Scholars Coordinator  
Glass Slipper Project, Volunteer  
Reading in Motion, Former Auxiliary Board Member