

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 our client's goals.

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, and procurement. Today, Joselynn advises clients on transactions related to airport concessions, supply chain contracting, real estate (including land use and zoning), MBE/WBE/DBE/VBE/SBE/ACDBE certifications, and real estate-backed financing.

She is passionate about her community service and has spent over 20 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, 1st Municipal District, Circuit Court of Cook County (2004)

Representative Engagements

- Tenant's Counsel for national restaurant chain operating as an airport concession operator as well as a street-side franchisee.
- Owner's Counsel negotiated master property management contract for public education facilities.
- Landlord's Counsel for long-term lease agreement with national telecommunications company.
- \$17M Borrower's Counsel for the real estate backed refinancing of a national franchisee portfolio.

- Developer's Counsel for a mission-based organization in connection with its application for rezoning its commercial property located on the City of Chicago's West side.
- \$19M Developer's Counsel in connection with the redevelopment of vacant land to become the future home of a non-profit health and wellness HUB.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2006
Editor, *Adelphia Law Journal*
ABA Moot Court Competition Quarter-Finalist, 2nd 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 (2020-2023)
Adjunct Professor of Law, Moot Court Honors Program, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (2007-2015)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Legal Prep Academy Negotiations Program Coordinator (2023 – Present)
3rd Annual Chicago Housing Authority Homeowner's Symposium Real Estate Presenter (2025)
Civic Leadership Academy, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government (CLA 2019)
Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc.
Treasurer, Former Board of Director
California Bar Process Management Program, Former Co-Coordinator
Loyola University School of Law, Former Pugh-Kaufman Scholars Coordinator
Glass Slipper Project, Volunteer
Reading in Motion, Former Auxiliary Board Member