

Biographies



Claudia Badillo

Claudia Farfan Badillo is an attorney concentrating in consumer bankruptcy and is the owner of her firm: Badillo Law Group, P.C. She was born and raised in Chicago and is of Mexican/Colombian descent and is a native Spanish speaker. She has been an attorney for over 10 years and is a graduate of Chicago Kent College of Law where she clerked for the Cook County Public Defender's office in the Felony Trial Unit. She attended Northwestern University for undergraduate studies, majoring in Communication Studies and minoring in history. She also hosted a Spanish rock radio show while at Northwestern on WNUR 89.3 FM, called "Sabor Latino". Mrs. Badillo has many years of experience helping clients file for bankruptcy protection under federal laws. Her main focus is representing consumers in all aspects of their bankruptcy cases. Other fields of law she practices include: debt negotiations, tax settlements, and offers in compromise with the IRS. She currently serves as a Hearing Officer with the City of Chicago's Board of Elections for city elections. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Paralegal Studies section at Wright College and a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for Cook County, representing children dealing with abuse and neglect issues. Claudia is the current president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois, an active member of HLAI, HNBA, NACBA, ISBA and a contributor to the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, writing about fitness.



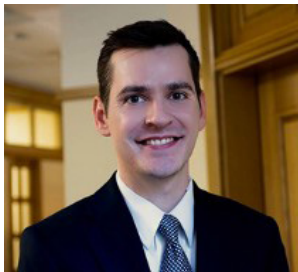
Reena Bajowala

Reena R. Bajowala is a partner in Ice Miller's Litigation Group and a member of the Firm's Data Security & Privacy and Benefit Disputes groups. With a broad-based background in complex dispute resolution, Reena represents clients in technology matters involving Information Technology (IT) disputes and data security and privacy issues. Reena is a Certified Information Privacy Technologist (CIPT). Reena defends buyers and sellers of IT services in disputes involving contract, tort and copyright. She also regularly advises clients on data privacy and security issues, including developing privacy and security programs, proactive planning to avoid or mitigate data security risks and defending data breach litigation. Reena also helps navigate clients through issues relating to emerging technologies, including blockchain, Internet of Things and artificial intelligence. Reena has extensive litigation and trial experience from filing of complaint to settlement or verdict, including over 100 days of first-chair trial experience. Reena defends employers and service providers in employment disputes, including FLSA and ERISA matters. She is adept at dealing with the intricacies of class, collective and plan-wide litigation in the employment and consumer fraud spaces. Reena regularly speaks and writes on topics relevant to her practice. She is a member of the CBA Financial and Emerging Technologies Committee, the Chicago Electronic Crimes Task Force and the International Association of Privacy Professionals. She is also an advisory board member for Hub88, a technology incubator in the Chicagoland area. She also serves on the Firm's Ideation Committee.



Olivia Luk Bedi

Olivia Luk Bedi is a trusted advisor on civil litigation matters, especially regarding intellectual property. She has represented individuals and corporations across the country in complex technological matters. She helps clients protect, enforce, and defend intellectual property rights, including patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks. An experienced trial lawyer, Olivia has litigated and tried significant cases before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and other federal courts around the country, and has also briefed and argued patent appeals before the Federal Circuit. Before practicing law, Olivia spent five years as a patent examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, gaining extensive experience regarding the use of procedures available before the USPTO. Olivia devotes a substantial amount of her time to pro bono service. In 2018, she won the Excellence in Pro Bono Service award, presented by The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and The Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Her dedication began when she represented a Chicago high school student charged with first-degree felony murder in *People v. Shannon*, which received national attention after a videotape of the incident went viral. Olivia remains dedicated to her pro bono clients and continues to fight for their cause through petitions and appeals. She received the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service in 2011 for that representation.



Ryan Cortazar

Ryan Cortazar is an attorney at Korein Tillery. His practice focuses on consumer rights, antitrust, and financial litigation. Prior to joining Korein Tillery he clerked for Judge David F. Hamilton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and was a Redstone Fellow at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights where he advocated for voting rights and police accountability. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School where he was an articles and book reviews editor of the Harvard Law Review.



**Hon. Israel A.
Desierto**

Hon. Israel A. Desierto was sworn in as an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois on June 1, 2005. Judge Desierto currently presides over civil matters at the Daley Center having previously presided over criminal matters at 26th and California. He is a past president of the Illinois Judges Association and is a member of the Illinois Judicial Council. He is also active with the Illinois Judge's Foundation where he coordinated a program involving students at the Cook County Jail Counsuela York Alternative High School. He is a member of the Asian American Bar Association, the Filipino American Lawyers Association, the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. He continues to serve as an adjunct professor at IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law where he teaches Trial Advocacy. After graduating from Kent, he worked for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. He practiced in both the Civil and Criminal areas of the law. As a civil litigator he practiced in the area of Medical Malpractice defense. As a criminal prosecutor, he tried primarily gang-related murder cases. He tried over seventy juries to verdict and hundreds of bench trials.



Tiffany Fordyce

Tiffany Fordyce is a Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig in Chicago, Illinois. She is the Co-Chair of the firm's Labor & Employment Practice's Workforce Compliance & Regulatory Enforcement group. She concentrates her practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis on labor and employment. Her employment litigation practice includes virtually all types of discrimination and retaliation claims, wage and hour claims, trade secret misappropriation claims, whistleblower claims, restrictive covenants, Fair Credit Reporting Act claims, and WARN Act claims. Tiffany defends both single plaintiff and class action employment cases. Tiffany represents employers in federal, state and administrative courts, as well as before administrative agencies. In addition to litigation, Tiffany also presents group and one-on-one employment training seminars. She advises clients on how to avoid litigation by counseling on employment related matters such as managing leave policies, national and local reductions in force, handbooks, drug testing policies, employment and consulting agreements, severance packages, social media policies, proper employee classification, and non-competition and separation agreements.



Lindsay Fullerton

Lindsay Fullerton is an immigration attorney with the Jarecki Law Group in Chicago. She represents clients in all immigration matters, including employment-based, family-based, naturalization, asylum, and court representation. She has extensive experience with the impact of criminal convictions on immigration matters. Lindsay previously served as an Asylum Officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Lindsay conducted trauma-sensitive interviews and adjudicated asylum applications, providing her with a strong background in complex asylum law. Lindsay was awarded a U.S. Department of Justice, Honors Attorney clerkship at the Chicago Immigration Court. Lindsay advised Immigration Judges on complex immigration matters, including removability and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. She also advised Immigration Judges regarding asylum, withholding of removal, protection under the Convention Against Torture, and other relief from removal. Lindsay received her J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law, in the District of Columbia. In law school, she worked at the Immigrant Justice Clinic, where she served on detained individuals that are in removal proceedings. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies from The College of William and Mary, located in Virginia. Virginia. She is fluent in Spanish.



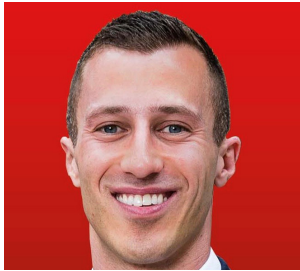
Ami Gandhi

Ami Gandhi is the Director of Voting Rights and Civic Empowerment at Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, working to reduce barriers to voting and improve civic participation, especially in communities of color and low-income communities. Ami's experience includes leading statewide voter protection for the 2016 and 2018 elections, partnering with community members in the criminal justice system to expand voter access, advocating for communities of color during Illinois redistricting, and advising local election boards as they implemented the first Hindi ballots in the country. She previously worked as the Executive Director of South Asian American Policy & Research Institute (SAAPRI), where she led initiatives in voting rights, immigrants' rights, and other civil rights and racial justice issues. Prior to her work at SAAPRI, Ami worked as the Legal Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago and as a commercial litigation attorney at Freeborn & Peters LLP. Ami serves on the boards of Common Cause Illinois and American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. She participates in the Law and Politics Think Tank with incarcerated community members at Stateville Correctional Center. She also serves on the Language Access Committee of the Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and the Stakeholder Advisory Board of the South Asian Healthy Lifestyle Initiative Study at Northwestern University.



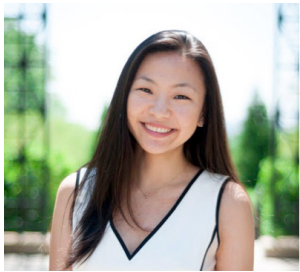
Frank Gao

Frank Gao is a registered patent attorney and chemist. Mr. Gao has counseled corporate clients and individual inventors, since 2009, in a wide variety of patent matters, securing patents in chemical, mechanical, material science, medical technologies, and litigating patents and trademark matters all around the U.S. His specialty is patent drafting and litigating, prosecution and strategic development of high-value patent portfolios. Prior to starting own law firm, Mr. Gao worked for another prominent Chicago patent law firm and he was in-house patent counsel at Sandvik. Before Sandvik, he was a patent agent/attorney at a law firm in California. Before entering law school, Mr. Gao worked at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) editorial division, where he analyzed and built database entries for patents in fields of pharmaceuticals, polymer, and material science, as well as supervised associates on building databases projects, and reengineering entry input system. Mr. Gao also worked at Princeton Biomolecules where he synthesized customized peptides via solid-state synthesis.



Bryant Greening

Bryant Greening is a co-founder of LegalRideshare, LLC. Founded in 2015, LegalRideshare is the first law firm dedicated to Uber, Lyft and rideshare accident and injury claims. The firm represents Uber and Lyft drivers, passengers and victims seeking recovery for medical bills, lost wages and pain/suffering. Greening is uniquely familiar with the rideshare companies' policies and procedures, given his regular engagement with Uber, Lyft and their respective insurance carriers. Bryant has dedicated his career to plaintiff's personal injury work. Before founding LegalRideshare, Greening worked for the law firms Aleksy Belcher and Goldberg Weisman and Cairo. Bryant is a 2011 graduate of DePaul University College of Law (JD) and 2008 graduate of Ohio University (BA).



Yankun Guo

Yankun Guo is Principal Attorney at the Law Office of Yankun Guo, where she advises financial services and technology (FinTech) clients on corporate, securities, and regulatory issues. She also advises businesses involved in distributed ledger technologies and blockchain. Previously, she was Regulatory Counsel at Opportunity Financial, LLC. Ms. Guo also worked at CME Group's Transactions and Commercial Relations Group and Corporate Compliance team. Ms. Guo received a B.S. in Actuarial Science and a B.A. in Philosophy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. from The John Marshall Law School. She is on the board of the Asian American Bar Association.



Skip Harsch

Skip Harsch is the Director of the American Bar Association's Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. As director of the Commission, Skip oversees and is involved in the planning and implementation of many of the ABA's LGBT+ initiatives including; LGBT advocacy, ABA policy work, and legal educational programming. In his role at the ABA Skip helped created and implement the ABA's 'How to Be an Ally' Toolkit and has presented both nationally and internationally on LGBT Allyship in the workplace. Skip is also a contributor to the publication, *Out and About: The LGBT Experience in the Workplace*. Skip is a native of Illinois with strong ties to the Midwest. He received his bachelor of science from the University of Iowa and his JD from DePaul University College of law. While at DePaul, Skip began his association and non-profit crusade as a summer intern for lambda Legal. Skip is currently the Chair of the Chicago Bar Association (CBA) LGBT Committee and sits on the board of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC).



**Hon. Nathaniel R.
Howse, Jr.**

Hon. Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr. received his undergraduate and law degrees from Loyola University of Chicago. He was in private practice for 22 years before becoming a judge. He represented clients before the Illinois Circuit Court, the Illinois Appellate Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, the Federal District Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In November 1998, Justice Howse was elected to a six-year term to the Office of Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. In November 2004, he was retained by the voters of Cook County for another six-year term. In August 2009, Justice Howse was assigned to serve as an Appellate Court Justice for the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, by the Illinois Supreme Court. In November 2012, Justice Howse was elected as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, where he currently serves.



Daniel Hwang

Daniel Hwang earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Washington University and his Juris Doctor at the University of Illinois College of Law. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Hwang concentrates his practice on both patent and trademark litigation and prosecution. He has experience with IP matters in several industries including consumer retail goods, IT, medical devices, energy, and construction equipment. Mr. Hwang practices the full scope of IP law, including issues related to patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, trade dress, unfair competition, and false advertising matters. He has managed domestic and international trademark portfolios for global corporations and counseled clients on their international brand portfolio development and protection strategies. Mr. Hwang has participated in hundreds of IP enforcement matters including counterfeit and gray-market/parallel import matters both in the U.S. and in foreign jurisdictions. He has handled intellectual property proceedings before both state and federal courts, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.



Jian Jiang

Jian Jiang earned her B.S. in Polymer Materials & Engineering at Fudan University in China in 2002, her Ph.D. in Materials Science at the University of North Carolina in 2007, and her J.D. at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2011. She is admitted to practice in Illinois and California, and before the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to joining K&L Gates, Ms. Jiang was an associate at the Chicago Office of Ladas & Parry, where she primarily focused on international patent portfolio procurement and management. During law school, she interned at the Boston Office of Fish & Richardson, where she worked on various patent prosecution and litigation projects in a variety of technical areas such as Biotechnology, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Polymer/Materials Science & Engineering; and she also externed in the legal department of Chicago Transit Authority working on a wide range of transactional and litigation cases, including criminal matters. She worked on projects related to all phases of litigation, including case management, compiling standard discovery packages and motions, and conducting depositions and arbitrations.



Jinwon Jung

Jinwon Jung recently joined Allstate in Northbrook, Illinois. He is the Vice-President of the Korean American Bar Association of Chicago.



Rachel Kao

Rachel Huan Kao is an attorney licensed to practice in Illinois, with a solo practice dedicated to immigration law. She serves AILA Chicago Chapter on various committees. She also serves Chinese American Bar Association - Chicago on the Board of Directors. She is a past board member and Treasurer of the Chinese Mutual Aid Association, past Treasurer of Chinese American Bar Association – Chicago, and past board member of Asian American Bar Association – Chicago. Rachel is actively involved in the ISBA Minority Bar Association CLE program, and AILA committee on enforcement of the Unauthorized Practice of Law, and has often spoken on immigration issues to the community. Rachel is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (JD), the University of Illinois School of Public Health (MPH), and Washington University in St. Louis College of Arts and Sciences (AB).



Richard Lee

Richard Lee is General Counsel at Civis Analytics, a data science technology company born out of President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign and one of the fastest-growing companies in Chicago. In his role, Rich leads legal, cybersecurity, data privacy, ethics, and compliance functions and has helped lead the company through over 400% growth and \$30M+ in funding. Having a passion for building and growing technology businesses, prior to Civis, Rich was SVP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Livevol, a financial technology company. He helped lead Livevol through rapid growth, ultimately leading to an acquisition by CBOE Holdings (NASDAQ: CBOE). Prior to that, he led market and business development in Asia for two intellectual property consulting companies. Rich earned a B.S. in Bioengineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago. He is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, serving on its technology and innovation membership subcommittee, and he's a founding member of the Chicago Bar Association's Financial and Emerging Technologies Committee. Civically active, Rich serves as a board member of Illinois Legal Aid Online, one of the country's leading legal aid technology non-profit, and as a coach and mentor with Social Venture Partners. In 2018, Rich was appointed to the national Leader's Council of the Legal Services Corporation, a U.S. Senate-funded 501(c)(3) that is the nation's largest funder of civil legal aid.



Eileen Letts

Eileen Letts is a Partner at Zuber, Lawler & Del Duca LLP. She is Chair of the Litigation Department. She is a Premier Civil Trial Attorney, with dozens of jury trials and over 100 bench trials, often to Fortune 500 Companies and iconic government entities. Ms. Letts has won high-stakes trials in a wide variety of subject matters areas. Areas of focus include product liability, complex tort, and commercial disputes. She received her Law Degree from Chicago-Kent College Of Law and her Undergraduate Degree from Ohio State University. She is a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, a member of the National Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association and the Black Women Lawyers Association. Ms. Letts is a frequent presenter at Continuing Legal Education seminars and panel discussions of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education.



Emily Love

Emily Love has practiced exclusively in the areas of immigration and nationality law since 1993. After graduating from Loyola Law School-Chicago and being admitted to practice law in Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Emily was an associate with a Chicago-based immigration law firm. In July 1997, she opened the Law Office of Emily Love, P.C., located since 1999 in Evanston, Illinois. Throughout her career, Emily has collaborated with various local and national non-profit immigrant and refugee legal services agencies, including ICIRR, Centro Romero, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project. During her most recent trip to Dilley Texas in November 2018, when she worked with women and children who had been subject to the family separation policy, among other Central American and other asylum seekers.



**Furqan
Mohammad**

Furqan Mohammed is one of the founding attorneys at Mohammed, Shamaileh & Tabahi, LLC, a boutique transactional law firm in Elmwood Park. Furqan's legal experiences cover a broad range of practice areas and industry groups. Specifically as it relates to the taxi industry, Furqan has modified or settled medallion loans on behalf of over 100 taxi drivers, and he also represents drivers in foreclosure proceedings, in administrative claims brought by the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), and in taxi medallion closings. Furqan's legal work in the taxi industry has been featured on ABC News, WGN News, NPR Radio, and In These Times. Furqan has also been featured in the Alumni Spotlight by his alma mater law school, Loyola University Chicago. Furqan has been distinguished as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers Magazine for four consecutive years (2016-2019) and identified on the Lawyer of Color's Second Annual "Hot List" as an up-and-coming diverse attorney in the Midwest Region. Furqan graduated summa cum laude from Loyola University Chicago in 2008 and magna cum laude from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2011. Prior to founding MST Law, Furqan worked as a Commercial Litigator in the Chicago office of Perkins Coie LLP, an international law firm.



KiKi Mosley

KiKi Mosley is a solo practitioner at the Law Offices of KiKi M. Mosley in Chicago, Illinois. She practices regularly before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the U.S. Department of State, and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Court). She has served as the Asylum Office Liaison Co-Chair for the Chicago chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) for four (4) years. KiKi is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law with certificates in International and Comparative Law and Public Interest Law.



Ernesto R. Palomo

Ernesto Palomo is a Partner in Locke Lord's Business Litigation and Arbitration group. Ernesto has extensive experience representing large multinational companies in court and commercial arbitration proceedings around the country. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex business disputes, including cases involving civil RICO, antitrust, fraud, copyright infringement, interference with contractual relations, unfair competition, cases alleging theft of trade secrets and cases involving emergency equitable remedies such as temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions. Ernesto also has substantial experience counseling clients on issues of insurance and reinsurance coverage and has represented domestic and overseas insurers and reinsurers in coverage disputes. Ernesto serves as a key strategic advisor for insurers and their national coordinating counsel regarding personal-injury asbestos and environmental pollution litigation throughout the United States. He has handled disputes in both the life reinsurance and property and casualty reinsurance and direct insurance markets. Ernesto devotes considerable time to pro bono matters through the National Immigrant Justice Center, the Center for Disability and Elder Law, and the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. He also is a co-chair for the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.



Jaz Park

Jaz Park is an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Chicago-Kent College of Law, and concentrates her practice in employment law, representing employees and small businesses. Jaz received a JD from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, with a certificate in Labor and Employment Law, and her BA from Brown University. She served as Research Editor on the Fifth Edition 2nd Supplement of Lindemann and Grossman's Employment Discrimination Law (BNA 2015). She is a board member of the Korean American Bar Association (KABA) and a member of the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA). She is licensed in Illinois and admitted to the Northern District Court of Illinois. She has been actively involved in ethnic and racial affairs in Chicago, including serving as Chair of the Advisory Council on Equity for the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, Advisory Council Member of the Office of New Americans in the Mayor's Office, and Vice President of the Korean American Association of Chicago.



Hon. Marian E. Perkins

Hon. Marian E. Perkins was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the state of Illinois, and sworn in at the Illinois Supreme Court on July 13, 2017. She was elected in the November 6, 2018 Illinois general election. Initially assigned to the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Judge Perkins has presided over DUI and other major and minor traffic cases in Traffic Court, landlord-tenant matters, and breach of contract and torts cases in the Civil, Non-Jury Section. Currently, she is assigned to the Chancery Division/ Mortgage Foreclosure & Mechanics Liens Section where she presides over mortgage foreclosure and related cases on her court call in the Richard J. Daley Center. Before her ascension to the bench, Judge Perkins was an Assistant Appellate Defender of Illinois, Cook County prosecutor, and Staff Attorney for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. As a lawyer in private practice, she represented adults and juveniles in criminal court, litigated criminal and civil cases, argued pre-trial motions, and conducted bench and jury trials in the Circuit Court of Cook County, DuPage County, and Kendall County in Illinois, and Shelby County in Memphis, Tennessee. Judge Perkins was also a Trial Adviser at The University of Chicago School of Law in the “Intensive Trial Techniques” course and guest lecturer at De Paul University of Chicago - College of Law in the “Advanced Trial Advocacy” course. As a professor at Chicago State University, a member-school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, she taught hundreds of students majoring in criminal justice and political science, and helped to establish the John Marshall Law School of Chicago / Chicago State University “3+ 3” Law School Admissions Program for the pre-law students. Active in the legal profession and community, Judge Perkins has served as president of the Cook County Bar Association, panelist at the Black Women Lawyer’s Association of Greater Chicago National Summit, member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character & Fitness – First Judicial District, and volunteer attorney with the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago “Lawyers in the Classroom” Program.



Lynn Preshad

Lynn Preshad practices civil litigation, foreclosure defense, immigration law, DUI Defense, Landlord-Tenant Disputes, and defends ordinance violation cases at Dreyfus Law Group. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in May 2009 and was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in November 2009. While attending law school, Ms. Preshad concentrated in litigation, immigration law, criminal law, and constitutional law, and dedicated her extracurricular time to externing at the Cook County Public Defender’s Office, the ABA mentor-mentee program, Mock Trial Board, Amnesty International, American Civil Liberties Union, and participated in client counseling competitions, Moot Court, and Mock Trial competitions. During and after law school, she volunteered for, CARPLS, CVLS, and SABA Chicago’s “Cyriac Kappil” Indo-American Center Pro bono Clinic, where she continues to volunteer. In 2014, Ms. Preshad received an award from CVLS in recognition of her commitment to pro bono and her efforts to further Chicago Volunteer Legal Services’ mission to provide equal access to justice. Ms. Preshad is currently a member of the South Asian Bar Association and a board member on the South Asian Bar Association Chicago Foundation, for which she serves as an officer in the position of Secretary. Ms. Preshad is also an actively involved member of the Chicago Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association, and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association. She is fluent in Hindi/Urdu and understands some Punjabi, Gujarati, and Spanish.



**Hon. Jesse G.
Reyes**

Hon. Jesse G. Reyes is currently a Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, serving as a member of the court's Executive Committee. He previously served as the Presiding Justice of the Fifth Division and as the former chair of the First District's Settlement Conference Committee. He has been a member of the judiciary since December, 1997, having previously served as both an associate judge and elected judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. His previous judicial assignments have included the Chancery Division's Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section, Domestic Violence court and the Sixth Municipal District. Justice Reyes, while assigned to the First Municipal Division, assisted in the production of the Circuit Court's educational DUI Video "Que Precio Tiene La Vida." He also served on a number of Circuit Court committees during his tenure on the trial court. Before his election to the bench, Justice Reyes was employed with the Law Department of the Chicago Board of Education and represented the Board in litigation matters, and was responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures pertaining to school reform. Prior to joining the Board of Education, he was a Senior Supervising Attorney with the Corporation Counsel's Office representing the City of Chicago in complex civil litigation matters in state and federal court. Justice Reyes is the current President of the Diversity Scholarship Foundation. He is the past President of the Illinois Judges Association, Illinois Judges Foundation, John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, and the Latin American Bar Association, past Regional President of the Hispanic National Bar Association and former Judicial Chair to the Hispanic National Bar Association Convention. He served as Secretary of the Chicago Bar Association and is a former member of the Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association. He was also named as an honorary member of the DuPage County Bar Association and an honorary board member of the Asian American Bar Association and the Filipino American Bar Association.



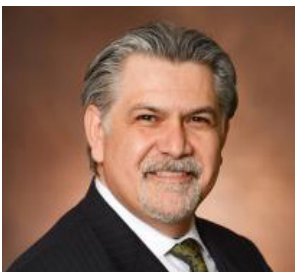
Peggy Rhiew

Peggy Rhiew focuses her practice on consumer financial services litigation and class action defense involving financial services laws and regulations. She has significant experience handling complex litigation representing financial institutions and servicers in residential mortgage foreclosure, defensive litigation and commercial foreclosures. She regularly defends servicers and banks against issues related to consumer fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract, loan modifications, loan workouts, the Truth in Lending Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. In law school, she received the CALI Award for highest achievement in her Trial Advocacy course. As a member of the Kent Trial Team, Ms. Rhiew participated in the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition as well as the ATLA Competition where her team placed as a quarterfinalist. During law school, Ms. Rhiew externed at the EEOC and she was a student editor of the Employee Rights and Employment Law Policy Journal. She earned her B.A. at the University of Michigan and her J.D. at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Ms. Rhiew is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Korean American Bar Association of Chicago, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.



Hon. Judith Rice

Hon. Judith C. Rice was appointed to the position of Cook County Circuit Court Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court on October 4, 2014, after having been elected that same year in the 7th Judicial Sub-Circuit of Cook County. She began her judicial career in traffic court handling minor traffic violations as well as criminal DUI cases. She was then transferred to the forcible entry and detainer court where she heard suits involving condominium disputes and eviction cases. She is currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Court where she hears cases involving domestic and elder abuse. Prior to becoming a Judge, Ms. Rice held the position of Senior Vice President and Head of Community Affairs & Economic Development for BMO Harris Bank. She also served as Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) officer for BMO Harris, accountable for the bank's compliance with regulatory requirements related to lending in underserved communities. Previously, Judge Rice served as Vice President and Director of Government Relations for Harris. In 1988, Rice began her legal career as a prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. As an Assistant State's Attorney she handled appellate cases, narcotics prosecutions and abuse and neglect cases in juvenile court. After leaving the SAO she began an extensive career in city government. Her tenure with the City started with being appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel, and she subsequently served as Director of the Department of Revenue from 1993 until 1995. Rice was also elected as Chicago City Treasurer after serving as the first female commissioner of two of Chicago's key infrastructure agencies. She led the Department of Water from 1996 until 1999, and the Department of Transportation from 1999 until 2000. Judge Rice currently serves on the advisory boards of the Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN) and the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. Additionally, she serves on the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Board and is a member of the Chicago Network and the United Negro College Fund. She has been recognized for her leadership and work supporting financial literacy by numerous organizations, including the Federal Reserve Board, the Illinois Council of Economic Education, and the City Colleges of Chicago.



Federico Rodriguez

Federico M. Rodriguez received his B.A. from DePaul University in 1995 and his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1998. While at U of I, he was active in different organizations, including serving on the boards of the Latina/o Law Student Association, Poetic Justice, and the International Law Society. Upon graduating from law school, Federico worked as an associate with Lawrence H. Hyman & Associates, in Chicago, a firm focusing on personal injury litigation and nationwide high profile criminal cases. Since opening his first small/solo firm in 2005, Federico has obtained nearly 50 million dollars in judgments and settlements for his clients. Besides civil cases, Federico also engages in criminal defense. Federico has handled a number of high profile cases, including two lawsuits against La Ley radio station (for their failure to award prizes to contestants arising out of their immigration status) and defamations claims against WGN News and another major Spanish-language television station (subject to non-disclosure agreement). Some of these cases were featured in the New York Times, The Chicago Sun Times (front page), and in the Law Bulletin. Federico served as Executive Co-Chair for the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening from 2013-15 and, as of January 2015, has served in the Illinois Supreme Court's Character and Fitness Committee by appointment. Federico is member of numerous bar associations, including the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the West Suburban Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Puerto Rican Bar Association, and the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.



Edyta Salata

Edyta Salata has practiced immigration and nationality law since 2007. She has been named a “Super Lawyer®-Rising Star” by Super Lawyers Magazine and earned the highest Peer Review Rating of AV®-Preeminent™ from the Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory attesting to her legal ability and professional ethical standards. Ms. Salata received her Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in May 2002 and Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude from Loyola University Chicago in January 1999. Ms. Salata is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); she has also served as chairperson of the Immigration Law Committee of the DuPage County Bar Association.



Prof. Nicholas Stephanopoulos

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