



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Report of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**9:30 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Room 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**Also Present** Daniel F. Gallagher – Deputy State’s Attorney, Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau; Darrius Lightfoot; Rhoda D. McSweeney; Hedy M. Ratner; Betty A. Gutierrez

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in Accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd).**

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**14-1446**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee:** Assistant State’s Attorney Daniel F. Gallagher

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Medical Examiner’s Advisory Committee

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Not applicable. Appointment pursuant to the requirement that the Medical Examiner’s Advisory Committee contain at least one (1) attorney from the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

Mr. Gallagher made a statement regarding his interest in and qualifications for this position, and submitted a statement of interest, a resume and an affidavit as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**14-1449**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee:** Darrius Lightfoot

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 6/30/2014, or until a successor is appointed

Mr. Lightfoot made a statement regarding his interest in and qualifications for this position, and submitted a statement and an affidavit as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**14-1451**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee:** The Honorable Rhoda Sweeney

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Justice Advisory Council

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 3/12/2018, or until a successor is appointed

Ms. Sweeney made a statement regarding her interest in and qualifications for this position, and submitted a statement and a resume as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**14-1453**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee:** Hedy Ratner

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Commission on Human Rights

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 7/1/2015, or until a successor is appointed. Ms. Ratner will fill the vacancy of Shelley Davis

Ms. Ratner made a statement regarding her interest in and qualifications for this position, and submitted a vita, and an affidavit as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**14-1648**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee:** Betty Gutierrez

**Position:** Commissioner for 7th District

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Commission for Women's Issues

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 12/1/2015, or until reappointed or a successor is appointed.

Ms. Gutierrez made a statement regarding her interest in and qualifications for this position, and submitted a resume and an affidavit as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins and Reyes (3)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

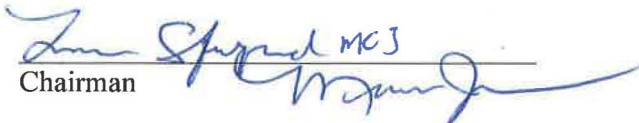
**SECTION 2**


**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File ID 14-1446  
File ID 14-1449  
File ID 14-1451  
File ID 14-1453  
File ID 14-1648

Recommended for Approval  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's website on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>.





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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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STATE'S ATTORNEY**

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CHIEF, CIVIL ACTIONS BUREAU**

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**Statement of Interest in Serving on the Medical Examiner's Advisory Committee**

As the Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau of the State's Attorney's Office, I am frequently called upon to make recommendations to the Cook County Board of Commissioners relating to various issues arising from legislation, litigation and administration. As Bureau Chief, I have an interest in the administration of the Medical Examiner's Office and an interest in seeing that it complies with the ordinances and statutes which govern it. I am also interested in making recommendations to improve the operations of the Office of the Medical Examiner and service to the residents of Cook County.

Very truly yours,

Daniel F. Gallagher  
Deputy State's Attorney  
Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

**Daniel F. Gallagher, Of Counsel**

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**Bar Admissions**

- Illinois, 1973
- US Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit
- US District Court for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois
- US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- Federal Trial Bar
- Supreme Court of the United States

**Education**

- University of Illinois College of Law, JD, 1973
- University of Illinois, BA, with honors, 1970



Daniel F. Gallagher concentrates his practice in trial work with emphasis on commercial litigation, civil rights, construction site injury and contract litigation. He is a versatile and experienced member of the firm and has handled several types of civil and criminal litigation including defending contractors in federal criminal cases involving alleged

OSHA violations. Mr. Gallagher has tried more than 75 cases to verdict in both State and Federal courts. Additionally, he has argued appeals in the Illinois Appellate Court, the Illinois Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Mr. Gallagher was nominated and appointed to the Board of Directors of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI). The PILI seeks to promote and provide equal access to justice by creating opportunities for law students and lawyers to provide public interest and pro bono work in Chicago.

Mr. Gallagher has been very active in the Chicago Bar Association and has served on the Finance Committee, the Appeals Division of the Judicial Evaluation Committee, and as Chair of the International Continuing Legal Education Committee. He also served for two years on the Board of Managers and previously served on the Judicial Evaluation Committee for over 15 years. For 2002-2003, he also served as Chair of the Judicial Evaluation Committee.

Mr. Gallagher is also involved in the Illinois Association of Defense Counsel, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, and the Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances.

During the course of his career, Mr. Gallagher has been a frequent speaker to Bar and client groups on a variety of legal topics including civil practice and procedure, jury selection, ethics, statutes of limitation, motions in limine, and multi district mass tort litigation. He has also written and presented papers

Daniel F. Gallagher, continued

on the issues of electro-magnetic field litigation and mold litigation.

For the past 18 years, Mr. Gallagher has served on the Board of Directors of Querrey & Harrow, Ltd., which is the firm's executive committee. He is distinguished as AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He has been named by *Chicago Magazine* as a Super Lawyer from 2005-2012. He has also been named a Leading Lawyer in Illinois for the same period of time. AVVO has given Mr. Gallagher its highest rating.

### Memberships

- Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, 2005-present
- Chicago Bar Association (Finance Committee, Appeals Division of Judicial Evaluation Committee, and Chair - International Continuing Legal Education Committee, 2006-present; Board of Managers, 2004-2006; Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1989-2004; Appellate Division, Judicial Evaluation Committee 2003-2004; Chairman, Judicial Evaluation Committee, 2002-2003; Vice Chair, Hearings Division, Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1997-2001; Circuit Court Committee, 1986-1994)
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (Member: Products Liability Committee, Membership Development Committee.)
- Defense Research Institute
- The Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances



Daniel F. Gallagher, *continued*

### Professional Activities

- Hearing Examiner, Illinois Commerce Commission, 1973-1975.

### News

- Congratulations to Querrey & Harrow's "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"
- Seventh Circuit Affirms Summary Judgment on Two Title VII Lawsuits
- Q&H Scores Yet Another Victory for Cook County Sheriff and Illinois Taxpayers
- Craigslist dropping "erotic services" ads
- Querrey & Harrow Recovers Millions More for Illinois Taxpayers
- Q&H Wins Again Before Illinois Supreme Court
- Two Days, Two Arguments Before Illinois Supreme Court



**Cook County  
Office, Board or Commission Affidavit**

Please fill out this application completely. Incomplete affidavits will not be considered for appointment. Please also submit your resume.

Please email the completed affidavit to Patrick Carey, Special Assistant for Governmental and Legislative Affairs at [patrick.carey@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:patrick.carey@cookcountyil.gov) and Brian Miller, Office of Commissioner Larry Suffredin at [bmiller@suffredin.org](mailto:bmiller@suffredin.org).

APPLICANT INFORMATION							
Which office/board/commission are you applying for?			Medical Examiner's Advisory Committee				
Last Name	Gallagher		First	Daniel		M.I.	F.
Current Street Address	1600 S. Indiana Avenue				Apartment/Unit #	1901	
City	Chicago		State	IL		ZIP	60616
Phone	(312) 603-5365		E-mail Address	Daniel.Gallagher2@cookcountyil.gov			
How long have you lived at your current address?			7 1/2 yrs.				
Do you have multiple residences in Cook County?			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
If yes, please list your other addresses and which address is your primary address:			10426 S. TALMAN AVE. CHICAGO, IL. 1600 S. INDIANA IS MY PRIMARY RESIDENCE.				



APPOINTMENT INFORMATION	
Have you received a Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption at any other address other than your primary address during the current tax year?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is your primary residence located within the district of the office, board, or commission that you are applying for?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you reviewed the legal requirements for the appointment that you are seeking?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you fulfill the legal requirements for the appointment that you are seeking?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you possess any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from adequately representing the interests of the office, board or commission that you are applying for?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will you notify the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners if there is a change to any of the statements set forth in this instrument?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Under penalties of perjury, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete.

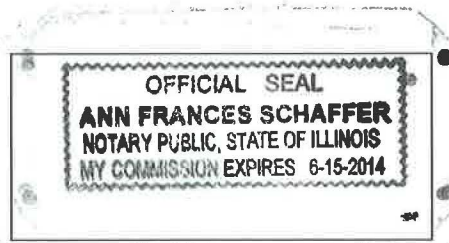
Applicant's Name: Daniel F. Gallagher

Applicant's Signature: *Daniel F. Gallagher*

Date: March 12, 2014

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th day of March, 2014

Notary Signature: *Ann Frances Schaffer*



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## Statement to the Cook County Board

Darrius M. Lightfoot

March 2, 2014

I would like to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Cook County as a member of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board. I am a community Organizer in the Southside neighborhood of Woodlawn. I have advocated for juvenile justice since 2007. As a lead youth Organizer my youth-led Organization FLY (Fearless Leading by the Youth) has been spearheading this movement and has accomplished a lot through the years. During the previous administration I led a successful campaign; the cause was to improve sanitary conditions in the JTDC. As a leader of FLY I am accountable to a group of young people. Saying that, the voice that I bring to the Board is not just mine, it's the voice of many young people from many neighborhoods. We also are working with the community to find out what alternatives or reforms they think need to be implemented.

Justice is a term people use very broadly and sometimes they do not even know the meaning. Having been involved in the juvenile justice system as a detainee at the JTDC, I know what goes on there. Because of that I know what the youth need, as well as the negative impact incarceration has on youth. This is another valuable resource that I bring to the table. I am a young black man and as the data shows, that is the highest rate of youth in the JTDC. Part of my work is working with criminally involved youth in the neighborhood; this gives me first-hand knowledge of what reforms are needed.

My work with Juvenile Justice helps me build many relationships with various groups and individuals who do similar work concerning juvenile justice. I have been trained in the art of Peace Circles, which is a form of Restorative Justice, thanks to Precious Blood, an organization from the Back of the Yards Neighborhood. I am part of a Juvenile Justice National Task Force with The Burns Institute, based in San Francisco, California. I have been part of many juvenile justice conferences nationally, which gave me the opportunity to build relationships with groups and individuals who do similar work. These relationships are a valuable resource I will bring with me to the Board.

I believe I will be a great asset to the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Darrius Lightfoot  
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773.891.7273

## **DARRIUS LIGHTFOOT**

2004 W. 70<sup>th</sup> place Chicago, IL. 60636

Phone: 773.896.5807

e-mail: [lightfootdarrius@gmail.com](mailto:lightfootdarrius@gmail.com)

### **EDUCATION**

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**Southside Leadership Academy**, Chicago, IL.  
G.E.D., 2011.

**Harold Washington College**  
Associates degree, Projected 2016.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP)** 2011-Present

*Youth Organizer*, STOP is a community organization founded to confront gentrification in the Woodlawn community; it builds grassroots leadership around issues of community concern.

- Created and implemented a leadership development curriculum used with youth (ages 14-21).
- Founded and led, Fearless Leading Youth, which is an organization led by youth from the south side of Chicago who organize around issues that directly impact youth.
- Led a campaign which brought critical media attention to human rights violations occurring in the Juvenile Detention Center and organized public meetings, which resulted in immediate improvements including access to clean clothes and cleaner facilities.
- Facilitated intergenerational workshops and community town halls.

**Motivational Speaker and Trainer** 2011 - Present

Led workshops on leadership and civic engagement for hundreds of students in Chicago Public Schools and alternative schools on the south side.

### **AWARDS**

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**Fellowship: School of Unity and Liberation Sumer School** June – August 2011

Selected to participate in an elite advanced organizing internship program with youth organizers from around the country.

### **ACTIVITIES**

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**La Voz de los de Abajo** 2013

Traveled to Honduras with a delegation of teachers and high school students to meet with organizations working to establish democracy and respect for human rights in Honduras. Organized a community report back in Chicago.

**Chicago Students Organizing to Save Our Schools** 2012

Organized community events around education reform at local community schools. Recruited students, parents, teachers, staff and community members to lead and participate in events.

**Fearless Leading by the Youth** 2007 - 2011

*Volunteer Community Organizer*, Organized meetings, community education events and trainings.

### **SKILLS**

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Computer Literate: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint.

Public Speaking.

Poetry and Creative Writing.



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Which office/board/commission are you applying for?		Cook County JTDC Advisory Board			
Last Name	Lightfoot	First	Darrius	M.I.	M.
Current Street Address	2004 W. 70th Place			Apartment/Unit #	
City	Chicago	State	IL	ZIP	60636
Phone	(773) 776-9031	E-mail Address	lightfootdarrius@gmail.com		
How long have you lived at your current address?					
Do you have multiple residences in Cook County?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please list your other addresses and which address is your primary address:					

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Under penalties of perjury, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete.

Applicant's Name: Darrius M. Lightfoot

Applicant's Signature: Darrius Lightfoot

Date: March 12, 2014

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th day of March, 2014

Notary Signature: Ann Frances Schaffer



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**Statement to the Cook County Board of Commissioners**

Rhoda D. Sweeney

March 12, 2014

My name is Rhoda Davis Sweeney. I retired from the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County on November 30, 2013. During the years that I served on the bench, I sat in the Juvenile Division, Traffic Court, Housing Court and First Municipal non-jury civil court.

Prior to my tenure on the bench, I served as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney, where I was assigned to prosecute in the 1st Municipal Branch Criminal Courts and in the Branch Drug Courts. My last position as a state's attorney was supervisor of the Narcotics Forfeitures division.

I have also been a defense attorney in both state and federal courts, where I had extensive experience with gangs upon being appointed by federal judges in drug and gang cases.

Also pertinent to my qualifications is my 17 years of volunteer work as a group leader at the McDermott Haymarket Center, which is a facility that has a prison alternative floor. Over the years, I have worked with recovering alcohol and drug addicts, many of whom have been imprisoned in the Cook County Jail, as well as state prisons.

Accordingly, I have had unique experiences which qualify me to serve on the Justice Advisory Council. I am very eager to assist the Council in addressing the challenges our criminal justice system presents and to serve the citizens of Cook County.

Thank you.

**RHODA DAVIS SWEENEY**  
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Chicago, Illinois 60611  
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Fax: (312) 603-2041  
Email: rhosweeney@aol.com

### **CAREER HISTORY**

#### **Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County**

1. Assigned to First Municipal Division,  
Housing Court, Non-Jury Contacts and Torts Court, December 2003-Present
2. Assigned to Juvenile Justice Division, September 1995-December 1996

#### **Staff Counsel, City of Chicago, Department on Aging, October 1998- September 2003**

1. Prepared and reviewed Monitoring Instruments, Agreements, Ordinances and Requests for Proposals
2. Interfaced with Federal and State Regulatory Departments regarding Federal, State and Local laws, Regulations and policies that relate to Long Term Care Facilities. Served as Long Term Care Ombudsman for Nursing Home Residents
3. Monitored Legal Providers for City of Chicago Seniors with Housing and Guardianship issues
4. Co-Chaired City of Chicago Care Giving Initiative
5. Served as Member of City of Chicago Domestic Violence Community Based Development Grant Committee
6. Served as Member of Mayor's Oversight Implementation Committee for Violence Prevention

#### **Senior Associate, Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck, 1997-1998**

Represented Clients in Domestic relation Actions, including Marital Dissolution and Separation, Child Custody and Support actions, Paternity, Juvenile and Adoption action.

#### **Private Practice, Law Offices of Rhoda Davis Sweeney, 1987-1995 and 2003**

1. Practiced in State and Federal Courts
2. Focused on areas of Criminal and Family Law with extensive trial experience
3. Served as Federal Defender Panel Attorney
4. Participated in the Chicago bar Association In-Court Referral program
5. Practiced before the Hearing Board of the Chicago Police Department
6. Represented claimant in People v. 6232 N. La Crosse, Chicago Illinois, 156 Ill.3d 453 (1994) which resulted in an Illinois legislative amendment to the Narcotic Forfeiture Statute to provide for jury trials

#### **Assistant Cook County State's Attorney, 1981-1987**

1. Litigated and negotiated all Cook County narcotics forfeiture actions as Supervisor of Narcotics Forfeitures



2. Worked closely with the Chicago Police Department on forfeiture and prosecution of narcotics crimes
3. Prepared and presented oral arguments to the Illinois Supreme Court in People v. Kurt Bartall, 98 Ill. 294, (1983), People v. Audrey Bushnell, 101 Ill. 2d 261, (1984), People v. Narcisco Cruz, 111 Ill. App. 3<sup>rd</sup> 95 (1982)
4. Conducted daily Criminal prosecutions in the areas of Domestic Violence, Misdemeanors and Felonies
5. Served in Appellate Division and prepared and delivered briefs and oral arguments in over 100 appeals, both as appellee and appellant

**Management Training Consultant 1978-1979**

Lectured and trained participants on compliance with Equal Opportunity in Employment regulations and laws

**Speech and Language Pathologist, private Practice and Chicago Public Schools, 1962-1978**

Worked extensively with handicapped children and adults who suffered neurological damage from strokes

**EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSION**

1. Supreme Court of Illinois
2. Federal Trial Bar Northern District Court of Illinois
3. Chicago-Kent College of law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Juris Doctorate, With Honors, 1981
4. Northwestern University, Master of Arts, learning Disabilities, 1962
5. Northwestern University, bachelor of Science, Speech and Language, 1961

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**United States Department of State**

Lecturer for United States Department of State in Malaysia on American Criminal Justice System and Trademark and Copyright Laws to Malaysian Judges, Prosecutors and Customs Officers, June 2000.

Federal Magistrate Judge Selection Committee, 2002

**Chicago Bar Association**

1. Criminal Law Committee
2. Elder Law Committee

**Illinois State bar Association**

1. Vice-Chair, standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law
2. Criminal Law Committee
3. Assembly Member, 1984-1990 and 1991-1998
4. Elder law Council, 2001-Present

**American Bar Association**

1. Prosecution and Defense Function Committee
2. Corrections and Sentencing Committee
3. Mandatory Literacy in the Prisons Proposal Committee
4. Ad Hoc Committee on Narcotics Forfeitures

**American Inn of Court**

Abraham Marowitz Chapter, President

**Women's Bar Association of Illinois**

**Illinois Attorneys for Criminal Justice**

Board Member, 1995

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Grant Park Concerts Society**

Board Member

**Classical Arts Society**

Board member

**McDermott Haymarket Foundation**

Weekly counseling sessions with women recovering from drug and alcohol abuse, 1997-Present

**Honors**

"Humanitarian Award" recognition by the McDermott Haymarket Foundation, October 2000

**HEDY M. RATNER**

Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)  
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Phone: 312-853-3477 ext. 17  
Fax: 312-853-0145  
Email: [hratner@wbdc.org](mailto:hratner@wbdc.org)

VITA

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Co-President**

Women's Business Development Center  
1985-Present

Founding Co-President of the Women's Business Development Center committed to empowerment and economic self-sufficiency of women and their families through business ownership. Responsible for organizational strategy and management, program development, advocacy and public policy, resource development, and community affairs.

**Appointments**

**Illinois Business Enterprise Council and Illinois Economic Recovery Commission – appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn**

Clinton Global Initiative by President Bill Clinton

Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Council by Cook County Board President Preckwinkle

Affirmative Action Advisory Council – appointed by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Illinois Business Enterprise Council – appointed by Governors Edgar, Ryan Blagojevich and Quinn

Illinois Development Finance Authority—Commissioner 2002-2004 appointed by Illinois Governor George Ryan

Governor's Commission on the Status of Women— 1998-2004 appointed by Illinois Governor James Edgar, and re-appointed by Illinois Governor George Ryan

Illinois Women's Business Ownership Council—1996-2004  
Council Member appointed by Illinois Governors Edgar and Ryan

Illinois Labor Advisory Board—2001-2006  
Board member. Appointed by Illinois Governors George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich

National Women's Business Council—1998-2000  
Appointed by President William Clinton

Women's Health Task Force—1996-1998  
Appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley  
As Co-Chairperson

Board of Directors - 1998 to 2011  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors -- 2002 to 2011  
Chicago Convention and Tourism Board

### **Past Experience**

#### **President**

Chicago Institute for  
Economic Development  
1980 to 1985

President, Chicago Institute for Economic  
Development committed to economic and  
employment development in the City of Chicago

#### **Executive Director**

Chicago Film and Video  
Studio Foundation  
July 1980 to 1985

Executive Director for the Chicago Film and Video  
and Studio Foundation and Chicago Labor Institute  
for the Arts—spearheaded the development of a  
large scale film and video production center for Chicago  
and other major projects which impact on economic  
employment development and the growth of the arts  
entertainment and media industry in Chicago thereby  
increasing job opportunities and fostering professional  
growth.

#### **President**

Hedy M. Ratner & Associates  
1984 to 1990

President of Hedy M. Ratner & Associates a public  
affairs, public relations, resource development firm  
also providing consulting to women business owners on  
government and private sector contracts and consultants  
to government agencies on affirmative action and  
contracting to women business owners.

#### **Education Officer**

U.S. State Department  
U.S. Secretariat for World Conference  
Of the U.N. Decade for Women  
Washington D.C.  
1980

Principal education advisor and conference officer  
for U.S. Department of State, U.S. Secretariat for  
the Mid-Decade World Conference of the U.N.  
Decade for Women, directing and managing all  
education activities and programs. Development  
and coordination of national and regional conferences  
and formulation and implementation of programs to non-  
governmental agencies and organizations.

#### **Assistant Commissioner of Education**

U.S. Office of Education  
Washington D.C.  
1979 to 1980

Served as principal public affairs advisor to the U.S.  
Commissioner of Education, directing and  
managing all public affairs activities and programs  
of the U.S. Office of Education. Served as principal  
spokesperson to the national media. Formulated and  
implemented overall Office and Education programs and  
products to the media and public. Liaison with over 100  
programs and department of the Office of Education.

Managed a 50 person staff of editors, writers, public information specialists and audiovisual professionals.

**Assistant Superintendent  
of Cook County Schools**  
Educational Service Region  
of Cook County (Cook County  
Superintendent of Schools)  
Chicago, IL  
1971 thru 1979

Assistant Superintendent of Cook County Schools. Director of Resource Development, Research and Statistics and Professional Resources; Public Relations and Media Coordinator. Formulation and implementation of public affairs policies and program for the Cook County Superintendent of Schools. Director of government funded programs and projects. Conception, publication of research programs and reports; principal technical advisor to county schools on sex equity, alternative education, educational research, ethnic education, truancy and drop-out prevention. Editor of Learning Line, Educational Reporter and Idea Exchange, widely circulated publication. Host and producer of several series of education-oriented and public affairs radio programs on women's issues aired weekly on several commercial and public radio stations.

Chicago Board of Education  
Chicago Public Schools  
**Public Relations Director**

Public Relations Director of a large region in the Chicago schools system. Community and public relations for area-wide programs, including editor of newsletter.

**Teacher/Librarian**  
1969 thru 1971

Teacher/Librarian and primary teacher for three building school facility Bryn Mawr Elementary and middle school. Coordinator of in-service workshops. Resource person and media specialist for teachers and students.

## **EDUCATION**

DePaul University-Chicago  
University of Chicago  
University of California

M.Ed. in Education Administration – June 1974  
M.S. in Library Sciences – June 1974  
A.B. Sociology – March 1968  
Graduate School of Education – Teaching Credential  
Graduate School of Folklore, 1965 to 1968

Los Angeles City College  
Roosevelt University  
University of Illinois  
Northwestern University

Associate Arts – June 1965  
Additional Course Work

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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|------|---|
| 2012 | Federation of Women Contractors – Lifetime Advocacy Award |
| 2011 | Athena International Leadership Award                     |
| 2011 | Fifth/Third Bank Community Leadership Award               |
| 2011 | WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE USA Hall of Fame Award        |

2011 Historic Achievement in Business Award from Voting Women's Organization

2011 Association of Women Business Centers Leadership Award

2011 SBA Women's Business Center Award

2010 Champion of Change Award from Women Employed

2009 University of Chicago first Diversity Leadership Award

2008 B'Nai Brith – Woman of Honor Award

2008 Network of Women Entrepreneurs – Women Who Dare Award

2007 Diversity Champion Award from *Diversity Edge* Magazine

2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, Rainbow PUSH

2006 Compass Award, Women's Leadership Exchange

2005 U.S. SBA District Director's Choice Award

2005 Woman of Achievement Award, Anti Defamation League

2004 Woman Advocate Award, Women's Jewelry Association

2004 Bella Abzug Woman Who Dared Award - National Organization of Women -- NOW Chicago Chapter

2003 University of Chicago Alumni Association Public Service Award

2003 *Enterprising Woman* Magazine Enterprising Woman of the Year Award

2003 Hall of Fame Award – National Association of Women Business Owners – Chicago, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2002 Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Award

2002 *Business Women* Magazine Women and Business Development Award

2002 Illinois Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs Outstanding Working Women of Illinois Award

2001 Southwest Women Working Together Women's Leadership Award

2001 Corporate Award for Education, Training and Development Of Women Business Owners by Business and Professional Women of Illinois

2000 Applause Award, Women's Business Enterprise National Council

2000 Outstanding Public Service Award, Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka

2000 Women in Business Advocate of the Year Award, Governor's Small Business Summit

2001 Jewish Leader in Chicago



2001 Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois, Illinois Business and Professional Women

2001 Women's Business Achievement Award, Operation PUSH

2001 Bank of America Chicago Community Leadership Award

2000 Women's Business Advocate of the Year, Governor's Small Business Award

1999 S. Small Business Award, Advocacy Vision 2000 Award

1997 Bank of America Small Business Award

1996 Prime Mover Award, Target Group

1996 Crain's Chicago Business, 100 Most Influential Women in Chicago

1996 YWCA Leadership Award for Entrepreneurship

1998 Technology Leadership Award from Information Technology Resource Center

1996 Excellence in Communications Award by Women in Communications

1996 Corporate Award, Rehabilitation Institute for hiring of Physically Disabled

1995 Black Rose Award, League of Black Women

1995 Economic Development Advocacy Award to the WBDC, Economic Development Council

1995 Women Helping Women Award from Lilac Tree, Women in Transition, Inc.

1994 Advocate of the Year, Federation of Women Contractors

1994 Public Policy Advocate Award, National Association of Women Business Owners/Chicago

1993 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Support of Entrepreneurs, Ernst & Young, Inc. Mag

1993 Entrepreneur Award from Sales and Marketing Executives of Chicago

1988 Illinois Women in Business Advocate of 1988 by Small Business Administration

1988 Cook County State's Attorney Recognition Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Women of Cook County

1987 Entrepreneur of the Year by Arthur Young & Associates and Venture and 1988 Magazine

1987 Recognized for Outstanding Contributions and service as founder and President Emeritus of Women in Film/Chicago

1987 Rotary Club of Chicago, one of the first women members

1987 Recipient of special Founder's Award given by the Midwest Women's Center at

- its tenth anniversary dinner
- 1987 Nominated for U.S. SBA Minority Advocate Award by NAWBO/Chicago
- 1983 Selected as one of 50 outstanding graduates of the Chicago Public Schools by the Citizens Schools Committee
- 1978 Selected as one of the top 75 female school administrators in the U.S. by the American Association of School Administrators
- 1976, 1978 Regional Finalist, White House Fellowship
- 1974 Elected as one of the first female members of Phi Delta Kappa. University of Chicago honorary society chapter

**Boards and Memberships**

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| Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce –                         | Former Board Member |
| Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau --                  | Former Board Member |
| International Women's Forum –                             | Former Member       |
| National Council of Women's Organizations –               | Member              |
| Chicago Network –   | Member              |
| National Association of Women Business Owners -           | Member              |
| Alliance of Minority and Female Contractors Association – | Founder             |
| Federation of Women Contractors -                         | Member              |

## **HEDY M. RATNER**

Hedy M. Ratner is founder and Co-President of the Women's Business Development Center, the largest, oldest—26years—and most comprehensive women's business assistance center in the U.S. The Women's Business Development Center has initiated and helped develop women's business programs in 14 sites in 6 states. The Center provides counseling, training, financial, certification and procurement assistance in Spanish and English for emerging and established women business owners.

An advocate and activist for women's issues, civil and human rights for more than four decades, Hedy Ratner was appointed by President Clinton to the National Women's Business Council; by Illinois Governor Quinn to the Illinois Economic Recovery Commission, the Illinois Business Enterprise Council and the Governor's Women's Advisory Council; by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Mayor Rahm Emanuel to the Mayor's Affirmative Action Council and by Cook County Board President Preckwinkle to the Cook County Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Council. Hedy helped to advocate for, create and was appointed by Illinois Governors Edgar and Ryan to the Illinois Women's Business Ownership Council and the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois. Hedy was appointed as Co-Chairperson of the Women's Health Task Force by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. She was a board member of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and The Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau; was a founding member of the Alliance of Minority and Female Contractors Association and continues to be a member of the National Council of Women's Organizations;

Her most recent honors were 2012 Lifetime Advocacy Award from the Federation of Women Contractors; the 2011 Fifth/Third Bank Community Award; the Athena International 2011 Women's Leadership Award; WBE USA 2011 Women's Business Hall of Fame Award; Historic Achievement in Business Award in 2011 from Voting Women's Organization; 2011 Association of Women's Business Centers Leadership Award; 2011 SBA Women's Business Center Award; 2010 Women Employed Champion for Change; University of Chicago first Diversity Leadership Award in 2009; Network of Women Entrepreneurs Women Who Dare Award; the B'Nai Brith Woman of Honor Award in 2008; the Diversity Champion Award in 2007 from *Diversity Edge* Magazine; the Lifetime Achievement Award from Rainbow PUSH in 2006; the Compass Award from the Women's Leadership Exchange; in 2005 Ratner received the SBA Advocate Award; the National Center for Women's Business Research Leading by Example Award; the Anti-Defamation League's Women of Achievement Award. In 2003 Ratner received the prestigious University of Chicago Alumni Public Service Award. Other Honors include the SBA Women's Business Advocate of the Year; the Governor's Women Business Advocate of the Year; the National Association of Women Business Owners Public Policy Advocate of the Year, both locally and nationally; the Bank of America Community Leader Award; National Organization of Women's Bella Abzug Woman of Honor Award; among others.

Her educational background includes an M.Ed from DePaul University; an M.S. from the University of Chicago; A. B. and M.Ed. from University of California.



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Which office/board/commission are you applying for?		Cook County Commission on Human Rights					
Last Name	Ratner	First	Hedy	M.I.	M.		
Current Street Address	333 E. Ontario Street			Apartment/ Unit #	4512B		
City	Chicago	State	IL	ZIP	60611		
Phone	(312) 649-0498		E-mail Address	hratner@wbdc.org			
How long have you lived at your current address?				15 years			
Do you have multiple residences in Cook County?				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please list your other addresses and which address is your primary address:							

**APPOINTMENT INFORMATION**

Have you received a Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption at any other address other than your primary address during the current tax year?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is your primary residence located within the district of the office, board, or commission that you are applying for?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you reviewed the legal requirements for the appointment that you are seeking?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you fulfill the legal requirements for the appointment that you are seeking?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you possess any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from adequately representing the interests of the office, board or commission that you are applying for?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will you notify the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners if there is a change to any of the statements set forth in this instrument?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Under penalties of perjury, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete.

Applicant's Name: Hedy M. Ratner

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: March 12, 2014

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2014

Notary Signature: Diane M. Viverito



Notary Stamp

# Betty A. Gutierrez

3937 W. 64th Place • Chicago, Illinois 60629  
Ph: (773) 585-7513 • E-mail: bettyanngutierrez@yahoo.com

## Objective

To continue to represent and serve my community on the Southwest side.

## Skills Profile

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### **Greater Southwest Development Corporation** **1994-2005**

#### **Director of the Housing Program**

- Housing Resource Center
- Home repair for accessible and independent living
- Home purchase and foreclosure counseling

### **World's Finest Chocolate** **1987-1994**

#### **Gift Department**

- Administrative duties, calls, and correspondence
- Provided bilingual assistance to clients
- Proofread and verified contracts

## Volunteer Service

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### **Co-chair, Southwest Organizing Project Strategy Team** **1997-present**

Representing 27 institutions, advocacy around issues of safety, housing, education, immigration and health, and implementation of annual neighborhood block beautification projects

### **Co-chair, Neighborhood Housing Services Chicago Lawn/Gage Park** **2000-present**

Foreclosure counseling and homebuyer education to the City's southwest side

### **Chicago Bungalow Association Board** **2000-2004**

Education and promotion of historic bungalow preservation

### **Southwest Chicago PADS Advisory Council** **2000-2004**

Basic services (emergency shelter, meals, clothing) and referrals to homeless

### **Parish Pastoral Council** **2009-2013**

## Education

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### **George William College**

#### **Downers Grove, IL**

Social Sciences, 1969-1971





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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Which office/board/commission are you applying for?

Last Name

Gutierrez

First

Betty

M.I.

A.

Current Street Address

3937 West 64<sup>th</sup> Place

Apartment/Unit #

City

Chicago

State

IL.

ZIP

60629

Phone

773-585-7513

E-mail Address

bettyanngutierrez@yahoo.com

How long have you lived at your current address?

30 years

Do you have multiple residences in Cook County?

YES  NO

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