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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, 25th 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.



**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 and Brian Miller, Office of Commissioner Larry Suffredin at bmiller@suffredin.org.

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: Hedy M. Ratner

Date: March 12, 2014

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

Notary Signature: Diane M. Viverito



Notary Stamp