



## **Aurora Austriaco, Past President of the Chicago Bar Association**

Aurora has been licensed to practice law since 1990. She concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate transaction, both commercial and residential as well as real estate litigation. Aurora's clients range from multinational corporations to government agencies to medium and small sized companies to individuals. Aurora is a certified mediator and utilizes her mediation skills in resolving disputes which her clients have grown to appreciate. Aurora is currently serving as Commissioner for the Illinois Courts Commission and is serving as an elected school board member for Maine Township District 207. She served as Commissioner for the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission and as Commissioner for the Cook County Human Rights Commission. She is past president of the Chicago Bar Association, and was named a Super Lawyer-Real Estate, one of the Top 10 Women Consumer Attorneys by Leading Lawyers, and one of the Top 10 Women Lawyers in Real Estate. Aurora is admitted to practice in the State Bar of Illinois, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the United States Supreme Court.

### Legal Practice

For the last 29 years, Aurora has handled numerous real estate transactions including purchase and sale of office and commercial buildings, hotels, restaurants, home health care businesses, mixed used condo buildings and residential properties. She has also been involved in numerous condo conversion projects as well as lease negotiations. In addition to transactional work, Aurora has extensive experience litigating disputes involving real property. These disputes include, but not limited to, mechanic's liens, construction litigation, lien and mortgage foreclosures, title insurance claims litigation, lease disputes, declaratory judgment actions, subrogation claims, partition actions, fraud and misrepresentation claims, suit to quiet title actions and other special chancery remedy cases.

### Education

#### **University of Chicago Booth School of Business**

Chicago, Illinois - Finance for Executives, Certificate Course 2016

#### **De Paul University School of Law**

Chicago, Illinois - Juris Doctor, 1990

#### **De Paul University College of Commerce**

Chicago, Illinois - Bachelor of Science in Finance, 1987

### **Board Service and Awards**

#### Boards

- Past President, Chicago Bar Association (2012-2013)
- President, Lawyer's Trust Fund of Illinois (2018-present)
- Commissioner, Illinois Courts Commission (2015 to present)
- Chair, De Paul University Law School Diversity Council (2018-present)
- Member, DePaul University Law School Dean's Advisory Council (2017-present)
- Board Member, Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (2006-present)

- CEO and Board Member, ATG Legal Serve (2012-present)
- IL State Delegate, American Bar Association (2017-2020)
- Treasurer, National Conference of Bar Presidents (2019-2020)
- Elected School Board Member, Maine Township School District 207 (2017-2021)
- Pro Bono General Counsel, Federation of Philippine American Chambers of Commerce, (2018-present)
- President, Filipino Executive Network, (2016-present)
- Board Member, Presence Health Systems, St. Joseph's Hospital (2012-2016)
- Chicago Bar Foundation, Board Member (2000-2008)
- Center for Conflict Resolution, Board Member (2000-2005)
- Illinois Real Estate Lawyers' Association, President (2004-2006)
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Past Board Member
- Filipino American Bar Association, Founding Board Member (1999)
- Cook County Human Rights Commission, Commissioner (1996-2008)
- Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission, Commissioner (2004-2013)
- Hubbard Street Dance of Chicago, Board Member (2011-2014)

### Awards

- 2019 Chicago United Business Leaders of Color Recognition
- IL Secretary of State Jesse White "Justice Laura Liu Trailblazer" Awardee 2019
- CBA Alliance for Women, "Alta Mae Hulett" Awardee, 2006
- Philippine Chamber of Commerce, "Ten Most Outstanding Filipino American Businessmen," 2009
- Diversity MBA Magazine, "Top 100 under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders," 2011
- Today's Chicago Woman, "100 Women of Influence" 2013
- Institute of Women Today, "Sister Margaret Traxler" awardee, 2013
- Asian American Coalition of Chicago, "Ping Tom" Awardee, 2015
- Filipina Women's Network, "2015 Global FWN 100 Women," 2015
- Chicago Filipino American Hall of Fame "Excellence in Public Service," 2015
- Named "Super Lawyer in Real Estate," 2012-present
- Named "Leading Lawyer" in the areas of Real Estate Law and Consumer Law, 2009-present
- Named "Top 100 Women Consumer Law" Attorneys by Leading Lawyers, 2013-2018
- Named "Super Lawyer" in general litigation, 2015-present
- Named "Trailblazer's Award" by Filipino American Lawyer's Association, 2018