

ASHLEY RAFAEL

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Midway Moving & Storage, Inc. – General Counsel 1995-Present

Negotiate contracts with corporate clients, City of Chicago, Chicago Housing, Authority, Board of Elections, Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools, Board of Education, and Chicago Bulls and Chicago Cubs. Illinois Commerce Commission liaison; duties include drafting and advising company regarding tariff codes, drafting correspondence and representing company at ICC administrative hearings. Negotiated land acquisition and real estate development. Representing company in all aspects of litigation from inception, arbitration hearings, administrative hearings, litigating Law Division and Municipal jury and bench trials to verdict.

Circuit Court of Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program

Circuit Court of Cook County Municipal Division – Chair Arbitrator 1995-Present

Circuit Court of Cook County Commercial Calendar – Chair Arbitrator 2015-Present

Circuit Court of Cook County Law Division Personal Injury- Chair Arbitrator 2021-Present

Certified by presiding and supervising Judges of the arbitration program to adjudicate Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Hearings for the Circuit Court of Cook County Municipal Division and Commercial & Personal Injury Law Division cases.

American Arbitration Association International Centre For Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR)

Arbitrator for **Commercial Division, Consumer Division, Employment Arbitration and Mediation** 2008-Present

Procedures and Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist

Parties have entrusted cases valued at \$2 million + including: Corporate/Partnership, Consumer Law, Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices, Lemon Law, Insurance Law, Boating Law, Employment Law; including trade secrets, restrictive covenants, wage and hour claims, Personal Injury and Tort

FINRA Arbitrator for Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Dispute Resolution Services 2023-Present

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Chicago IL

Adjunct Professor, Arbitration Advocacy: Practical Skills and Training Class 2013-Present

Developed and teach class curriculum

Law Offices of Gregg Mandell – Associate 1993-1995

Litigated Plaintiff's Personal Injury Law Division and Municipal jury trials to verdict.

Law Office of Evins & Friend – Associate 1992-1993

Litigated Plaintiff's Personal Injury Municipal jury trials to verdict.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Cook County Specialty Courts Veterans Court 2013-Present

Initiated and developed program to provide employment opportunities to Veterans

Cook County Specialty Courts WINGS & Feathers 2013-15

Initiate and developed program to provide employment opportunities for nonviolent ex-offenders

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law School, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor January 1992

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology May 1989

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admitted to the State of Illinois Bar 1992

Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois 1992

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/SEMINAR PRESENTATION

CBA- *Presenter for Advanced Workshop for Improved Negotiation, Mediation and Advocacy Skills*
CBA- *Committee Meeting Speaker*
ABA/CBA *Presenter for Negotiation and Mediation Skills in M&A Cases*
AAA- *Program Speaker Neutrality Unconscious bias*
AAA- *Panel speaker International Women Arbitrators*
North Suburban Bar Association- *Arbitration/Mediation Program Speaker*
Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals- *Program Speaker*
WBAI – *Guest Speaker*

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin
Women’s Bar Association of Illinois Newsletter

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association Committee member Dispute Resolution Section, Health Law Section
Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers (2020-22), ADR Committee Chair (2019-2024), Judicial Evaluation Committee (2012-20. 2022-24), Diversity Inclusion Culture Equity Committee Vice-Chair (2020-24)
Chicago Bar Foundation 2021 Pro Bono Week Co-Chair
UIC School of Law Alumni Board member
Illinois State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (past member)
Women’s Bar Association of Illinois Judicial Evaluation Committee (past member)

HONORS

UIC School of Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic recognition for establishing **The Midway Moving & Storage**
Scholarship for Fair Housing Advocacy
Midway Moving & Storage Inc. honor for establishing a **Community Program Employment Initiative**

SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Midway Moving & Storage Scholarship for Fair Housing Advocacy
Provides recognition and financial assistance to students who reside or have resided in Chicago Housing Authority (Section 8) housing in form of a scholarship to University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PRO BONO AND CHARITY

Midway Moving & Storage Food Drive in support of Chicago Food Depository	<i>1997-Present</i>
Chicago Housing Authority – Holiday Make Over, Holiday Festival, Operation Warm Coat	<i>2005-Present</i>
Chicago Pride Parade	<i>2014-Present</i>
Chicago Bar Association Pro Bono Programs	<i>2012-2024</i>
Chicago Bar Foundation Pro Bono Week Co-Chair	<i>October 2021</i>
The University of Chicago School of Law Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic	<i>2014-Present</i>
Judge and Brief Grader at CBA’s Moot Court Competition	<i>2009-Present</i>
Judge ABA Mock trial and Arbitration Competition	<i>2009-Present</i>
Judge UIC Law School of Law All Star Advocacy Events	<i>2009-Present</i>
ABA Trial Advocacy Competition & Arbitration Competition-- Team Coach	<i>2010-Present</i>
Little City Foundation – <i>Committee Member</i>	<i>2005-2015</i>
Chicago Bulls Charities	<i>2002- 2015</i>