

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

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 Law Division cases.

American Arbitration Association

Arbitrator Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist 2008-Present

Arbitrator Commercial Division 2017-Present

Arbitrator Consumer Division 2017-Present

Parties have entrusted cases valued at \$800,000+ 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 Torts

UIC John Marshall Law School

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

UIC John Marshall 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

AAA- Program Speaker

WBAI – Guest Speaker

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

Women’s Bar Association of Illinois Newsletter

AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers (present), ADR Committee Chair (2019-present), Judicial Evaluation Committee (2012-20), Mediation Committee, CBA Moot Court Competition Committee, CBA Commercial Law Committee

Illinois State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (past member)

Women’s Bar Association of Illinois Judicial Evaluation Committee (2012-15) (past member)

HONORS

UIC John Marshall 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 UIC John Marshall Law School.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PRO BONO AND CHARITY

Midway Moving & Storage Food Drive in support of Chicago Food Depository

1997-Present

Chicago Housing Authority – Holiday Make Over, Holiday Festival, Operation Warm Coat

2005-Present

Chicago Pride Parade

2014-Present

Chicago Bar Association Pro Bono Programs

2012-Present

The UIC John Marshall Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic

2014-Present

Judge and Brief Grader at CBA’s Moot Court Competition

2009-Present

Judge ABA Mock trial and Arbitration Competition

2009-Present

Judge UIC John Marshall Law School All Star Advocacy Events

2009-Present

ABA Trial Advocacy Competition & Arbitration Competition-- Team Coach

2010-Present

Little City Foundation – Committee Member

2005-2015

Circle of Friends

2005- 2015

Chicago Bulls Charities

2002- 2015