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Donna provides compliance, regulatory, corporate and transaction services to clients in Illinois and throughout the United States in highly regulated industries such as gaming, liquor, sweepstakes, and medical and adult-use cannabis.

Drawing on her experience as general counsel to the Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) and her tenure as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and Assistant Cook County State's Attorney, Donna advises clients on all licensing and regulatory issues in hearings before administrative agencies. She also represents clients in commercial and regulatory disputes involving competitors.

Donna regularly represents casinos, video gaming terminal operators, manufacturers and distributors, game developers and other companies involved in the gaming industry in Illinois and nationwide. As the first general counsel to the IGB, she was involved in the process of legalizing gaming in Illinois and helped write the regulations governing the state's gaming industry that remain in place today. This first-hand knowledge enables Donna to provide extensive insight and counsel to companies in the gaming industry in Illinois regarding licensing, compliance, investigations and commercial disputes. Additionally, she advocates for clients before agency boards and commissions, litigates compliance issues in administrative and disciplinary hearings, and negotiates settlements.

Donna also helps clients comply with Illinois' Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act. This includes working with clients to secure cultivation licenses from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and dispensary licenses from the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. In addition to helping them comply with regulations, Donna assists growers and dispensaries with general business matters, shareholder agreements and operational plans. For banking clients, she provides counsel regarding U.S. Department of Treasury issues related to medical cannabis.

Donna has sat on the board of directors of two publicly traded companies. She is a past president of the International Association of Gaming Advisors and is a current member of the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL). Donna formed and is the current co-chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Gaming Law Committee. She participates as a speaker in numerous gaming conferences each year.

Services

- Corporate
- Gaming
- Litigation
- Cannabis Law

- Technology

Before Fox Rothschild

Donna was previously a partner at Nixon Peabody and at Ungaretti & Harris. She was an adjunct faculty member at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she taught a Trial Advocacy Course and a Gaming Law Seminar.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Donna is an adjunct professor of gaming law at Northwestern University School of Law.

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Education

- Georgetown University (J.D.)
- Northwestern University (M.A.)
- Tufts University (B.A.)

Memberships

- International Association of Gaming Advisors (Past President)
- International Masters of Gaming Law
- Chicago Bar Association Gaming Practice Committee (Founder and Co-chair)

Board of Directors

- Chicago Hope CEO
- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Honors & Awards

In addition to numerous past honors and awards, Donna's recent awards include:

- Recognized in the *Chambers USA* Guide for Gaming & Licensing Nationwide (2020-2023)
- Named to a list of "Notable Women Lawyers" by *Crain's Chicago Business* (2018-2019)
- Named among the "Women Worth Watching" by *Diversity Magazine* (2018)
- Named to a list of Trailblazers in Regulatory, and Compliance Law by *The National Law Journal* (2018)
- Named among "Women of Influence" by the *Chicago Business Journal* (2018)
- Named to the "Lawyer of the Year" list for Gaming Law in Illinois by *Best Lawyers* (2018, 2022)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Gaming Law in Chicago, IL by *Best Lawyers* (2016-2024)
- Selected for inclusion in *Expert Guide's: Best of the Best USA* – Top 30 Gaming Lawyers in the United States (2014, 2020)