



VALDA D. STATON

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PRACTICE GROUPS

Business, Finance & Real Estate

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Stanford University School of Law, J.D.
University of Notre Dame, B.A., French and
Psychology

ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in all state courts of
Illinois
Admitted to practice in the Northern
District of Illinois
Admitted to practice in the District of
Columbia
License Date: 5/9/1985

AWARDS/ACCOLADES

Notre Dame Scholar
Earl Warren Legal Training Scholar
American Association of University Women
Scholar
Dollars and Sense Black Business and
Professionals, Honoree

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chicago Bar Association
Cook County Bar Association

"I draw from my thorough and comprehensive knowledge base to guide clients through the many facets of real estate purchase, management, construction, ownership, building code compliance, zoning compliance, divestiture and disposition."

Valda is a seasoned real estate professional who provides concise, practical, and timely advice and counsel to real estate developers, general contractors, commercial property owners and managers, lease portfolio managers, financial institutions, non-profits and municipalities.

She focuses her practice on developing, structuring, negotiating, and finalizing purchase and lease agreements, managing complex public and private partnership projects, and the development of relationships to assist in the furtherance of grant programs, corporate giving programs, and foundational giving.

Prior to joining MWH Law Group, Valda served as outside counsel managing commercial lease portfolios as well as in-house counsel to a Chicago-based community bank, oversaw grant research and application preparation, managed strategic funding programs, and developed marketing initiatives. As director of the City of Gary Indiana's Department of Redevelopment, Valda played key roles in the establishment and evolution of public-private partnerships, accounting oversight within non-profits, and advancing the development of a system to manage the City's database of property holdings and the City's divestiture of properties, including oversight of approved demolitions.