



Celia Meza

Celia is a partner at Meza Law and has 30 years of litigation, government, and in-house corporate counsel work experience. She has expertise in employment, labor relations, ethics, compliance, contracts, and investigations which allows her to provide strategic and trusted legal, risk-management and business guidance to her clients. She is a *Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional (CCEP)*® with experience drafting, reviewing, and revising compliance programs and corporate code of ethics manuals.

From 2020-2023, Celia served as the City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel. As top lawyer for the third largest City in the U.S., Celia was responsible for overseeing and managing all legal matters for the City including litigation, torts, contracts, real estate, commercial transactions, labor, employment, Freedom of Information Act and enforcement issues. She regularly provided legal advice and counsel to the more than forty Chicago departments, Boards, Commissioners, and City Council on Open Meetings Act and other public records acts.

Celia also served as a federal prosecutor in the Northern District of Illinois and Deputy Inspector General of Investigations for the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General. She has conducted and managed numerous investigations involving allegations of waste, fraud, misconduct and abuse and has served as the Chief Compliance Officer for both a public and private corporation, as well as in-house legal counsel. She is a dynamic and trustworthy attorney who represents her clients with the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

Awards & Recognition

- Chicago Latino Network, *Latinas Making Their Mark* (2022)
- Federal Bureau of Investigations – Service in the Public Interest (2005)

Professional/Community Involvement

- Hispanic Lawyers Association-Illinois, *Member* (since 2000); *Board-Treasurer* (2011-14)
- Chicago Inn of Courts, *Master of the Bench* (since 2015)
- Association of Inspectors General, *Certified Inspector General* (2013-15)
- Leadership Greater Chicago, *Fellow*, (2005), *Board Member* (2006)

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