

RONNIE C. KOKKINES

STATEMENT

I am an experienced lawyer – in both public and private sector practice – who has worked for the government of Illinois and for one of the world’s premier law firms. I took a hiatus from my career to raise my children (including one child with a significant health issue), and I am now looking to restart my professional career. As the daughter of working-class immigrants, I wanted to give back to my community and provide academic assistance to underprivileged children. Now, however, I would like a position where I can leverage my extensive legal and administrative skills.

EXPERIENCE

Mundelein High School, Mundelein, IL

AVID Tutor, September 2015 to Present

- Lead study groups by subject area to improve educational outcomes and decrease the achievement gap among low-income and minority students.
- Work with administrative staff to ensure adequate progress and improved college enrollment rates.

Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago, IL

Deputy Chief Counsel, 1997 to June 2005

Staff Counsel, 1996-1997

- Integral member of senior leadership of the primary Illinois agency charged with regulation of public health.
- Serve as general counsel to several of the Department’s Divisions, including EMS, Hospital, and AIDS Divisions.
- Represent the Department’s employees in legal proceedings and act as liaison with the Illinois Attorney General’s office in conducting the Department’s litigation. Conduct legal enforcement hearings against EMS companies and nursing homes.
- Review and interpret laws and regulations administered by or affecting the Department.
- Negotiate, draft, and revise agreements with the Department’s vendors.

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL

Corporate Associate, 1991-1996

- An attorney in one of the world’s premier firms for corporate law.
- Involved in all aspects of mergers, acquisitions, and public offerings for numerous Fortune 500 companies. Negotiated, drafted, and reviewed corporate agreements.
- Oversaw the IPOs of Starwood Lodgings and Toastmaster, among others.

BAR ADMISSION

State Bar of Illinois, 1991.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Juris Doctor, 1991, *Cum Laude*, Law Review Member