

Susan Malter



Education

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law
University of Michigan, Honors Program – Ann Arbor

J.D., 1991
A.B., 1986

Civic Engagement

Commissioner

Lake County Housing Authority

June 2019 to present

Nonprofit Board Chairman

Bluestem Communications, Inc.

December 2018 to present

Overseeing the winding-down of an environmental nonprofit organization.

Advocate for Students' and Parents' Rights

2017 to 2020

Ongoing civil rights advocacy with respect to public school administration. Led the successful effort to remove body-shaming from district dress code policy in Waukegan schools.

Candidate for Illinois State Representative and Lake County Board

2017 to 2018

Sought redistricting reform, gun safety measures, and greater transparency in state and county budget processes.

Attorney

Legislative advocacy related to adult guardianship (HB 4050); the School Code (seeking requirements in Know Your Rights pages in school handbooks); and consumer protection (to create a cause of action against the fraud and extortion specific to copyright litigation matters).

Private advocacy against revenge pornography, copyright trolls and false creditors; advocacy for insured to enforce coverage of claims; guidance for an education/lobbying nonprofit in its corporate winding-down.

Pro bono advocacy in Dilley, Texas, in asylum cases of women with young children in detention; through Chicago Volunteer Legal Services in matters of administrative review, family law, adult guardianship, intellectual property, contracts, public benefits, and real property; and for Waukegan nonprofits including SwitchLanes, Antmound LLC, and Mothers Against Wrongful Convictions.

Awards

Distinguished Service Recognition
Missions Award

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, 2017
Women of Destiny, Lake County, 2019

Founder and Executive Director

1994 to 2001

Profamily Social Service Connections, Inc., a nonprofit that served low-income Chicago families.