



KOULA A. FOURNIER

BAR RATINGS

Arab American Bar Association
(Recommended)
Asian American Bar Association
(Recommended)
Black Women's Bar Association
(Recommended)
Chicago Bar Association (Qualified)
Chicago Council of Lawyers
(Qualified)
Cook County Bar Association
(Recommended)
Decalogue Society of Lawyers
(Recommended)
Hellenic Bar Association
(Recommended)
Hispanic Lawyers Association
(Qualified)
Illinois Bar Association (Qualified)
LAGBAC (Recommended)
Puerto Rican Bar Association
(Recommended)
Women's Bar Association
(Highly Qualified)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cook County State's Attorney

Assistant State's Attorney

May 2000 - Present

CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT

- Review claims of actual innocence to prevent, identify and remedy false convictions

CRIMINAL APPEALS UNIT

- Reviewed, researched and wrote appellate briefs representing the People of the State of Illinois as both Appellee and Appellant in the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court
- Worked on cases involving a myriad of complex legal issues, including constitutional violations (due process and equal protection)
- Presented and argued orally before the Illinois Appellate Court, First District
- Supervised law clerks and other attorneys with the writing and researching of appellate briefs and related law topics

SEX CRIMES FELONY REVIEW & TRIAL SPECIALIST

- Reviewed and assisted the investigation of hundreds of cases dealing with criminal sexual assault and domestic violence in order to determine if charges and prosecution were warranted
- Interviewed hundreds of victims and offenders of both criminal sexual assault and domestic violence cases
- Trained and mentored junior prosecutors on the laws, rules of evidence and investigatory procedures related to sexual assault cases

FELONY TRIAL DIVISION

- Tried jury and bench trials involving offenses ranging from felonies like murder and aggravated battery to drug possession and financial crimes

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois

- *Foundation Board of Directors*
2022-present
- *Chairperson of the Board*
2021-2022
- *President*
2020-2021
- *Officer (various positions)*
2020-2013
- *Board of Directors*
2013-2007

Decalogue Society of Lawyers
Member in good standing

LAGBAC

Member in good standing

Prosecutor's Bar Association
Member in good standing

Women's Bar Association
Member in good standing

- Managed a court call of approximately 300-500 felony cases
- Researched, prepared and argued hundreds of pre and post-trial motions

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

- *Narcotics Special Prosecutions Unit*: Maintained a heavy caseload through all phases of litigation; Reviewed and approved search warrants; and litigated Class X felony narcotics cases
- *Juvenile Justice Bureau*: Managed a heavy court call of cases involving the determination of abused and neglected children; and conducted several termination of parental rights hearings

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School

Juris Doctor, 2000

- Dean's List
- Finalist, 1998 Fred H. Herzog Moot Court Competition

DePaul University

Bachelor of Arts, 1996

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Lyons Township Trustee of Schools, elected
- Illinois Supreme Court Mentoring Program; Mentor
- WISE (Women's Insight and Support through Education) employee resource group; mentor leader
- Board of Directors, Philoptochos (friend of the poor) Society; The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios
- School Board Member; Pythagoras Children's Academy, 2013-2017

AWARDS

- United Hellenic Voters of America; 2022 "Most Distinguished Greek-American in Law" award