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Chuck Edwards concentrates his practice exclusively in the area of complex commercial real estate transactions, including purchase and sale; mortgage financing; leasing; joint ventures and partnerships; condominium development and conversion; cooperative housing transactions; general development and all other aspects of commercial real estate practice.

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Finance
- Corporate
- Finance

Chuck was chairperson of a working group responsible for drafting proposed state legislation clarifying the ability to charge "compound interest" in commercial loan transactions and a member of working groups that developed a bar association sponsored form of mortgagor's counsel legal opinion and drafted a non-judicial foreclosure statute for possible adoption in Illinois.

## Admissions

- Illinois

## Recognitions

*Chambers USA* has repeatedly listed Chuck among its "Senior Statesmen" in real estate. Commenting on his "delighted clients," the respected publisher has termed him "consummate and focused," says he is "held in the highest regard by peers," is "a wonderful practitioner who is always fully engaged," as well as "a prominent and excellent lawyer, a mentor to clients and peers alike." *Chambers* notes, "[s]ources highlight the depth of his experience and the respect with which he is held in the market." "One particularly impressed source said '[h]e is one of my favorite lawyers on planet Earth; he has a wonderful combination of intellect and technician, and is probably the most admired real estate lawyer in Chicago'."

Chuck has been repeatedly named to *The Best Lawyers in America* and was named as its 2010 Chicago Real Estate Lawyer of the Year. Chuck is also recognized in the *Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers* and the *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*. In every year since 2005, as the result of research projects conducted jointly by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazines, Chuck

has been designated an Illinois Super Lawyer in the area of real estate; from 2005 – 2008 and again in 2010, he was listed among the state's Top 100 Super Lawyers. In 2008 and 2009, the Illinois Leading Lawyers Network named him first among its Top 10 Real Estate Business Lawyers and he was again named first of that list in 2010 as well as among the Top 100 Real Estate-Related Lawyers in Illinois.

The *PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook 2009* recommends Chuck as one of only two "Leading" real estate practitioners named in the state of Illinois and comments that he is a "veteran transactional, development and real estate finance figure, considered a leading player nationally."

## Education

- J.D., The University of Chicago 1965
- B.B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison 1962  
*with highest honors*  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Beta Gamma Sigma

## Memberships

- American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- The Lawyers Club of Chicago
- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

## Civic and Charitable

- Member and past chair of The University of Chicago Law School Visiting Committee
- Past chairman (1992 – 1993) and Vice Chair (1991 – 1992), Chicago Bar Association's Real Property Law Committee
- Past chair of the Real Property Finance and Continuing Legal Education Subcommittees of the Real Property Law Committee

## Teaching Experience

In 1997 and 1998, Chuck was an adjunct professor of law at The John Marshall Law School, where he taught Real Estate Finance Law in the Real Estate Law LL.M. program. In 2005, he was appointed to serve as a Curley Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School. As a Curley Fellow, he developed and taught for five years a legal writing and American Legal Practice course, in a commercial law context, in the Master of Laws program. In addition to his appointment, Chuck has a continuing role as real estate law advisor to various clinical programs at the University of Chicago Law School. Chuck was co-editor of the newsletter published by the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.