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Rich is a real estate development and finance lawyer with particular expertise in the areas of land use, zoning, incentives and government relations.

Rich's practice is primarily representing developers and investors in securing entitlements and financial incentives for urban and suburban projects. Rich has entitled millions of square feet of land and improvements in Chicagoland and beyond and has secured more than US\$2.5 billion in economic incentives for his clients.

Rich is a member of DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Committee and is the 2018 recipient of DLA Piper's Global Pro Bono and Community Service Partner of the Year.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Spanish

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

- Represented international steel company in connection with federal, state and municipal legislative approvals and incentives to facilitate the relocation from the north side of Chicago to the south side of Chicago of a US\$300 million steel production facility
- Represented numerous local universities in connection with construction of new residential, sports and academic facilities on north and south sides of Chicago
- Represented numerous Fortune 500 and other companies in connection with global headquarters relocations
- Represented developer of 53 acre site in connection with securing 14 million square feet of development and US\$500 million of infrastructure financing for former industrial site (2019)
- Represented developer of 60 acre site in connection with securing entitlements for 15 million square feet of development and US\$550 million of infrastructure financing for site in South Loop, Chicago
- Represented international infrastructure debt and equity fund on numerous infrastructure projects across the United States

- Real Estate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Development and Planning
- Finance

- Real Estate

Spanish

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*
 - Band 1, Illinois Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use (2012-2022)
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended, Land Use / Zoning (2015-2022)
 - Recommended, Real Estate (2020-2021)

He has also been named an Illinois Super Lawyer, as the result of a research project conducted jointly by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazines, and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for land use and zoning law. Rich is a frequent lecturer on topics ranging from municipal law, including eminent domain, to public-private partnerships, including tax increment financing.

Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School 1990
Associate Editor, *Stanford Law Review*
- M.A., Harvard University 1987
- B.A., St. Olaf College 1985

Memberships

- Member, American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Urban Land Institute
- Economic Club of Chicago
- Illinois Tax Increment Association
- Lambda Alpha, Ely Chapter
- Metropolitan Planning Council

Civic and Charitable

- Board of Directors - IFF
- Board of Directors - Legal Aid Chicago
- Advisory Board Member - National Immigrant Justice Center
- Vice Chair - Obama for America Housing Policy Committee
- Fellow and Board Member - Leadership Greater Chicago

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, "The True Faces of Immigration In the Wake of the Zarate Verdict," *Texas Lawyer*, 1 Feb 2018
- Co-author, "What Two Lawyers Learned at a Texas Detention Center," *Crain's Chicago Business*, 8 Feb 2017

- "Chicago Affordable Housing Ordinances passes: Key provisions, Key requirements," 23 Mar 2015
- Author, "Inclusionary Zoning: How to Make a Good Social Policy Better and More Fair," *The Real Estate Finance Journal*, Fall/Winter 2015

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

"3 Drivers Of Real Estate M&A In 2017," *Law360*, December 7, 2017