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Law Offices of Margaret F. Sauser—Counsel that cares

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Meg has built a practice based on long standing relationships. Whether she is negotiating a contract for a first time buyer or representing a tenant for a third office space, Meg’s clients seek her services and return to her year after year because she continually provides great attention and gets favorable results.

Meg’s keen understanding of legal doctrine coupled with her litigation background make her uniquely qualified to handle all aspects of a transaction, particularly when it comes to protecting her clients from future legal entanglements.

Meg’s commitment to her clients isn’t isolated to the amount of time she spends understanding a client’s priorities and goals, she also demonstrates great sensitivity to the economics of any transaction and many times engages in flat fee arrangements for certain representative matters or other client courtesies which add enormous value to her clients as well.

Meg has provided skilled representation to Property owners, businesses, developers, contractors and lenders who are located throughout the Chicagoland area. Her services have included:

* Real Estate Transactions
* Commerical and Residential Leases and Sub-Leases
* Commerical and Residential Purchase and Sales Contracts
* Emminent Domain
* Breach of Contract cases
* Evictions/Forcible Entry and Detainer
* Actions to Quiet Title
* Boundary Disputes
* Like Kind Exchanges
* Short Sales

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Meg is a skilled counselor and transactional attorney with a strong litigation background. Upon graduation from law school, Meg joined the Cook County State’s Attorneys office where she tried hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases, many of which were high-profile press cases. After her success in the criminal division, Meg defended Cook County in various tort, medical malpractice and federal complex litigation matters. Meg was one of the few civil attorneys who was asked to try cases in various departments of the civil division because of her proven legal knowledge and litigation success. While in the civil division, Meg created new law under the tort immunity act and succeeded in a number of high profile construction defect and guardianship cases. Meg was involved in the Chicago Kent College of Law trial advocacy program and was a member of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Speaker’s Bureau. In 1994, Meg joined Clausen Miller, a mid-sized Chicago based law firm, as the only woman in her practice group trying medical malpractice, products liability and insurance coverage cases. Meg also started to develop a transaction knowledge while at Clausen Miller before founding her own law firm in late 1997.

ADMISSIONS

* Supreme Court of Illinois
* Illinois Supreme Court United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
* Trial Bar, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

* **CHICAGO KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois - Juris Doctor**
* **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Champaign-Urbana - Bachelor of Arts, Honors, Major Writing (Rhetoric) and English**

OTHER ACTIVITIES/CREDENTIALS

Illinois Real Estate Managing Broker

Member of Chicago Bar Association and American Bar Association

Meg is married with three children and lives in the northern suburbs.

Helpful Resources

**Cook County Assessor:** <http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/>

Online search and retrieval of parcel data with G.I.S. pictures of residential and nonresidential properties as well as prior  
and current assessment values. This information is similar to what is found on your “Notice of Proposed Assessed  
Valuation,” mailed by the Assessor’s Office.

**Cook County Treasurer**: <http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/>

Taxpayers are able to search Cook County’s records online to check their current tax records by simply entering their 14  
digit Property Index Number (PIN). This information includes property information, mailing information and balance  
amount due.

**Cook County Recorder of Deeds:**<http://www.ccrd.info/CCRD/il031/index.jsp>

The Cook County Recorder of Deeds provides for recording of documents, research of tax parcels and purchase of  
existing recorded documents.

**Lake County Illinois Maps Online:** <http://gis2.co.lake.il.us/maps/>

This allows you to search a particular Permanent Index Number, locating information about the last two prior sales, flood  
plain characteristics and much other information.

**Lake County Government:**<http://www.co.lake.il.us/default.asp>

This includes access to the Lake County Recorder of Deeds, the Lake County Treasurer and information regarding  
property assessments.

**Illinois Compiled Statutes:**<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>

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[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov/)  
Information about buying and financing residential real estate using Federal Housing Administration insured mortgages, servicing these loans; RESPA statute and regulations, escrow accounting procedures, and proposed and final HUD rules and regulations.  
  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov/)  
Information on the national flood insurance program, disaster management and recovery, and geographical mapping of flood/disaster zones. Includes forms library and information for filing flood/disaster claims.