


## Richard M. Carbonara

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**Rick Carbonara** counsels Corporate and Commercial clients in a wide variety of distinct areas, including construction and real estate development, environmental law, product liability, internal corporate security and investigations, and governmental relations and representation, personally specializing in complex commercial litigation. Mr. Carbonara began his professional career in government where he gained invaluable insight into the practical aspects of doing business in Chicago, and then honed his legal skills with a number of prominent law firms of diverse expertise.

While in law school at Loyola University Chicago, Mr. Carbonara served the City of Chicago in the Real Estate Division of the City's Finance Department. Later, Mr. Carbonara joined the Office of the Illinois Attorney General as an Investigator. Upon professional licensure, Mr. Carbonara enjoyed public civil litigation, doing extensive jury and bench trial work as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General, practicing in every Federal District in Illinois and in various county courts and administrative law forums throughout the State.

Mr. Carbonara entered the private practice of law associated with one of our nation's premier trial attorneys, Leonard M. Ring, in a plaintiff oriented practice. He went on to practice for a number of years at the international law firm of Altheimer & Gray, and was a Partner there until 2003. Thereafter, Mr. Carbonara was a named Partner and principal at two small commercial law firms in Chicago, prior to joining Chico & Nunes as a Partner in 2008.

#### Representative Transactions:

- Developed and administered the initial two phases of the City of Chicago's Adjacent Neighbors Land Acquisition Program.
- Represented a major national auto parts chain in complex real estate litigation involving tortious interference with contractual easement rights.
- Defended significant private land owners in a Federal condemnation action authorized by Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Represented an international air freight warehouse facilities company vindicating its rights against a former employee, including accusations of defalcation and violations of the Federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.
- Directed all civil litigation outside of Illinois for a national retail department store chain headquartered in Chicago.
- Represented a major asset, investment and pension fund management company and its real estate investment

- › trusts in various civil disputes throughout the United States, protecting the integrity of its assets under trust.

#### Admissions:

- › United States Supreme Court
- › State of Illinois
- › Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- › Trial Bar, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- › United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- › United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- › United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

#### Memberships:

- › Chicago Bar Association
- › American Association for Justice  
(formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America)
- › Illinois State Bar Association
- › Justinian Society of Lawyers
- › Italian American Political Coalition
  - o Member, Board of Directors
  - o Chairman, Judicial Advancement Committee

#### Education:

- › Juris Doctor - Loyola University Chicago, 1984
- › Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude*, Loyola University Chicago, 1979

