

# Rivanda Doss Beal

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **Law Office of Rivanda Doss Beal**

**Homewood, IL**

*July 2021 to present*

Solo practitioner specializing in criminal defense, residential and commercial real estate transactions. Successfully represented clients charged with a full range of criminal offenses including complex financial fraud cases and felony gun cases. Contract Panel Attorney for Office of the State Appellate Defender for cases that arise outside of Cook County under the Pretrial Fairness Act.

### **Assistant States Attorney-Supervisor Preliminary Hearings/Grand Jury Branch Court/ 6<sup>th</sup> Municipal District**

**Chicago, IL**

*Cook County State's Attorney Office*

*December 2011 – June 2021*

Supervised Assistant States Attorneys in the lodging of felony criminal charges as an information or indictment. Reviewed facts and evidence to determine the precise criminal charge to litigate as a preliminary hearing or to send to the Cook County Grand Jury for indictment. Ensured that criminal charges lodged were legally sound and in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statute and facts.

#### *Major Accomplishments*

- In this position supervised over 50 Assistant State's Attorneys within the office.
- For three years led the County in offering deferred prosecution, an alternative prosecutorial resolution for first time offenders.

### **Assistant State's Attorney- Deputy Supervisor**

**Chicago, IL**

*Cook County State's Attorney Office*

*January 2005 to December 2011*

Coordinated and assisted in the responsive writing and litigation of Post-Conviction and 2-1401 Petitions for Post-Conviction relief. Conducted investigations of allegations by interviewing witnesses, attorneys, and victims, where available.

#### *Major Accomplishments*

- Supervised a staff of ten Assistant State's Attorneys and two administrative assistants.
- Researched, drafted, and successfully litigated numerous Motions to Dismiss and third stage Post Conviction petitions.

**Assistant State's Attorney**  
*Cook County State's Attorney Office*

**Chicago, IL**  
*June 1994 to January 2005*

Litigated Felony and Misdemeanor cases. Interviewed witnesses and defendants to determine the appropriate criminal charge to be lodged while reviewing felony cases. Drafted more than 25 appellate briefs and argued in front of the Illinois Appellate Court.

*Major Accomplishments*

- Led the Southside Community Prosecutions office and participated in problem solving/crime prevention planning with community leaders and stakeholders. Initiated and prosecuted cases of interest to the community.
- Prosecuted hate crimes and taught law enforcement about the prosecution of Hate Crimes under the Illinois Hate Crimes Act
- Conducted extensive community outreach through quarterly prevention programs that sought to educate citizens on various issues such as avoiding identity theft and home repair fraud.

**LEGAL/NON-LEGAL PRESENTATION/TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Harper High School, Speaker for Black History Month Program, 2006 and 2008

Tutor for Minority Legal Education Resource (MLER) Bar Preparation Class in 2007, 2008 and 2020

Chicago State University, Lecturer, Hate Crimes and Free Speech, 2008

Hurley Elementary School, Lecturer on Constitutional Rights with the Lawyers in the Classroom Program 2017

**EDUCATION HISTORY**

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Juris Doctorate Degree

**Chicago, IL**

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Bachelor of Art in Political Science

**Urbana, IL**

Admitted to Illinois Bar