



**LORI A. ROPER, Attorney Supervisor, Cook County Public Defender**

Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. I attended Lindblom Technical High School, Class of 1983.

I received an Associates of Arts from Kennedy – King College and a B. A. in Political Science from Roosevelt University. I received a Juris Doctorate from The Claude Petit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in 1993.

I have been employed as an Assistant Public Defender at the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender for 29 years.

As an Assistant Public Defender, I've been assigned to the Child Protection, Juvenile Justice, Felony Trial Division in Night Drug Court, Felony Trial and Markham Divisions. I've represented the indigent charged with all classes of felonies, including First Degree Murder.

Formerly, I was an Attorney Supervisor in charge of the Problem-Solving Courts in all six districts. I've served on the Screening and Referral Committee for the Restorative Justice Community Court, was the designee for the Cook County Public Defender on the Oversight Board for Adult Redeploy Illinois, was a voting member on the Site Selection and Monitoring Committee, Co-Chair of the Policy Committee for the Justice and Mental Health Collaborative, and former member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts. I am a former supervisor in charge of Bond Court at 26<sup>th</sup> and California.

Currently, I am an Attorney Supervisor in the Felony Trial Division at 26<sup>th</sup> and California.

I am on the Board of Directors of the Cook County Bar Association, the oldest bar association of African-American lawyers and judges in the country, and I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.

I am married and the mother of one child plus four "Bonus" babies, and adoptive mom to an Australian Cattle Dog named Mr. Shadow.