



Dartesia A. Pitts is currently the President-elect of the Cook County Bar Association, the nation's oldest association of African-American lawyers and judges in the country, and employed as an Attorney with the Cook County Board of Review under Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr.

Recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star, an Emerging Lawyer of Illinois and as one of the 40 under 40 Nation's Best Advocates by the National Bar Association, this experienced Real Estate and Commercial law attorney is a proven leader within the Illinois Bar.

After graduating from college, she moved to Washington DC to work as a legal assistant at the international law firm, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher and Flom in their Corporate Practice group. While there, she worked on a team assisting on the historical 3 Billion dollar acquisition of Black Entertainment Television (BET) by the multi-media conglomerate Viacom. Along with her service and advocacy in the D.C. community, her experience inspired her to go to law school.

Ambitiously starting a law practice straight out of law school in 2005, Attorney Pitts used her rainmaking skills to develop solid relationships making her the counsel for the community's real estate, entertainment and business legal needs. Some notable clients include Rotimi (Actor / Singer), Steven Hunter (Former NBA Basketball Player) and George Daniels (Chicago Music Business Legend). During this time, she also honed her litigation skills by trying several high profile criminal defense and civil rights cases with attorneys Lewis Myers, Jr. and Andre Grant at Myers and Grant.

In attempts to broaden her skillset and network, in 2012, she joined Greene and Letts as a senior associate serving as the office-managing transactional attorney counseling corporate and municipal entities in the public finance and real estate practice groups. There she gained significant experience on public finance deals which included serving as bond counsel on a \$550 million transportation bond issuance, the largest in Chicago's history, preparing her for her current position.

Besides her traditional legal practice, she serves as a legal commentator on national cable and network television shows such as Fox's, *Swift Justice with Nancy Grace*, and both TVOne shows, *Fatal Attraction* and *Justice By Any Means*. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Chicago Access Network TV (CAN TV).

Attorney Pitts, who hails from the South Side of Chicago, attended Kenyon College in Gambier, OH receiving a Bachelor's of Art in History with distinction. She received her Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in both Illinois and the Northern District of Illinois.

She is a proud LINK Unlimited Scholar alumnus as well as a mentor.