

Meet the Team

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Michele L. Krause has twenty years of experience in commercial real estate and finance law. She represents institutional and entrepreneurial clients in sophisticated commercial real estate transactions, including the acquisition, disposition, and leasing of commercial, office and industrial properties, with a particular focus on retail and office leasing on behalf of both landlords and tenants. Michele also has extensive experience representing owners, purchasers, and tenants in connection with the legal issues arising from environmentally contaminated properties, including the responsibility for ongoing reporting and remediation requirements, indemnification, access and third party liability issues. She also has significant experience representing borrowers in connection with loan workouts and forbearance agreements. Michele began her legal career as in-house counsel to BP, plc (formerly Amoco Corporation). Prior to joining Ginsberg Jacobs LLC, she practiced at Holland and Knight, LLP and was a partner at Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC.

NOTEWORTHY

- $\bullet\,$ Named as a Leading Lawyer in Commercial Real Estate Law by Leading Lawyers Network (2010-2013)
- Mentor for the Goldie B. Wolfe Miller Women Leaders in Real Estate Initiative, Roosevelt University (2010-2013)
- Author of "Ten Ways to 'Green' A Commercial Lease" (The Business Ledger, October 13, 2008, Vol. 16, No. 21)
- Commercial Real Estate Executive Women (CREW), Chicago Chapter, Board of Directors, Secretary, (2010-2013)
- \bullet Recipient of the CREW Chicago 2008 Membership Committee Volunteer of the Year Award

PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate
- Finance

EDUCATION

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, J.D., 1994
- Illinois State University, B.S., Criminal Justice, with *Departmental Honors*, 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

• Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

• Northern District Court of Illinois

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Commercial Real Estate Executive Women (CREW), Chicago Chapter
- CREW Network
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

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