



Deadra Woods Stokes

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Deadra Woods Stokes is a licensed practicing attorney with over 28 years of experience. During her career as an attorney, she has practiced in the area of Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Bankruptcy, Estate Planning, Probate, Real Estate and Business Transactions. Since 2020 Attorney Stokes legal practice has primarily focused on Estate Planning, Probate, Real Estate and Transactional Law. She has earned the name, the “Wealth Counselor”, because of her sound legal advice to clients in those areas. Her insightful understanding of each client’s personal needs and her hands-on approach has enabled her to serve as a legal advisor for over 2500 clients and their families.

In addition to her law practice, Attorney Stokes began teaching as an Adjunct Professor at Governors State University in 2011. As an Adjunct she taught in the College of Business, the Criminal Justice Master’s Program as well as in the PhD Program for Interdisciplinary Studies. Her passion to serve and teach allowed her to easily transition to her current position as the Supervising Assistant Professor of Law for the Estate Planning, Probate and Transactional Law Clinic at Chicago-Kent College of Law. This position allowed her to transition her entire law practice into C-K Law Group, which is the In-House Law Firm housed at Chicago-Kent College of Law. In this capacity she is able to still offer and serve her entire client base with the support of Law Students to service her clients while they obtain hands-on practical experience as a student.

Her civic and community involvement includes serving as the only person of color for both Lincoln Way 210 School Board since 2019 and as a Fire & Police Commissioner with the Village of Frankfort since 2020. She is an active member of West Towns Illinois Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and the Skyline Metropolitan Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. She has been an active member of the Joliet Area South Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated for over 17 years. She was initiated into Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in October of 1986 and has continued to serve as a proud member since that time.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana and her Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She resides in Frankfort, Illinois with her husband, Paul Stokes and is the proud mother of three daughters, Sydney, Malaika and Nya..