

KERRY T. BARTELL PRINCIPAL

Condo & HOA, Cooperatives



"I worked with Kerry on behalf of the community association I was the manager of for a number of years. She was always easy to communicate with and quick to respond to any problems or issues that came up for the association and if her vast knowledge base didn't answer my question then she knew where to direct me to find out. Great to work with, couldn't recommend her more!"

Kerry Bartell is a principal with the law firm of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit and has been practicing with the firm for over 20 years. She concentrates her practice representing condominium, homeowner (HOA), and townhome community associations.

Kerry provides guidance on general matters relating to associations, as well as counseling the board of directors for an association on corporate actions, contracts, dispute resolution and other issues relating to the association as a corporation.

Kerry conducts seminars and webinars on community association law for homeowners, property managers and community associations in the Chicagoland area. She is a frequent speaker at industry tradeshows and has written numerous articles featured in publications such as the Chicago Tribune, Common Interest, and The Chicagoland Cooperator.

Kerry is also actively involved with Community Association Institute (CAI), where she served on the Board for six years and as Illinois Chapter President for two years. She currently serves on the Chapter Speaker Training and Volunteer Committees.

Kerry received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING / AWARDS

- "Inside the World of Condo and Community Association Law: A Conversation with Two Industry Experts" Panelist, Community Association Insights by Itasca Bank & Trust Co. (April 2023)
- CAI-Illinois President's Award Winner (2022)
- "Lifeguards and Your Community Association: 3 Things to Know," Condo Lifestyles (July 2022)
- "Virtual Meetings: Where Do We Go From Here?" CAI-Illinois Legal Forum (July 2021)
- "Managing the Electronic Voting Process for Annual Elections" CAI-Illinois (April 2021)
- "Governing Your Community", CAI-IL 2018 Condo-HOA Conference & Expo
- "Airbnb skirts Chicago's hotel regulations," Chicago Tribune (March 11, 2016)
- CAI-Illinois Olympus Award Winner (2014)
- "What is the Health of Your Association," CAI-Illinois 2012 Condo-HOA Conference & Expo
- Quoted in "The importance of articles of incorporation," Chicago Tribune (June 22, 2012)
- Quoted in "Condo buildings lacking FHA certification add hurdle for buyers and sellers," Chicago Tribune (January 22, 2012)

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EDUCATION

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1998
- B.A. (Political Science), Northwestern University, 1995

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois State Bar
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- CAI Illinois (Community Associations Institute)