



Sadzi Martha Oliva was appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner and confirmed by the Illinois Senate to the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2017 and is the first Latina to serve in this capacity in the State of Illinois. In this role, Commissioner Oliva balances the interests of consumers and utilities to ensure adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services; regulates the commercial activities related to investor-owned electric, natural gas, water and sewer companies; and enforces regulations for trucking, towing, motor carriers, and railroad safety. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as Chair of the Supplier and Workforce Diversity Sub Committee. She serves on the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council, Financial Research Institute (FRI) Advisory Board, Gas Technology Institute (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Committee, National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC) Board of Directors, as Treasurer for the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) and served as Illinois' representative on the Organization of MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) States (OMS) Board

of Directors from 2018 to 2020. In June of 2018, Commissioner Oliva participated on a Peer Review on Renewable Energy Integration and Smart Grids in Panama with other Central American regulators sponsored by the Power Sector Program, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State and organized by NARUC. In October of 2018, Commissioner Oliva participated in a Partnership Exchange with the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission on Stakeholder Engagement and Public Communications in Jakarta, Indonesia. Commissioner Oliva co-authored an article published in *Utility Dive* on October 19, 2018, titled, "Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers: A Surge in Consumer Protection Standards in Illinois". She authored an article published in *Public Utilities Fortnightly* in July of 2019 titled, "Illinois' Future Energy Jobs Act at Work." She also co-authored an article published in *Negocios Now* in September of 2019, titled "Strategic Resolutions for Increasing Supplier & Workforce Diversity in the Energy Sector."

Prior to joining the Illinois Commerce Commission, Commissioner Oliva was General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). Previous positions held by Commissioner Oliva within IDFPR include Ethics Officer, Administrative Law Judge and Chief of Medical Prosecutions. She also worked at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as the Chief Administrative Law Judge. Early in her career, Commissioner Oliva served as an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Special Prosecutions Bureau, where she prosecuted financial crimes. Commissioner Oliva was Chair of the Illinois Governor's Office Administrative Hearings Review Committee that organized and presented the Chicago Bar Association's Annual Administrative Law Conference and continuing legal education seminars related to Administrative Hearings. She was also the co-chair of the Rules Subcommittee for the Illinois Department of Central Management Systems' Bureau of Administrative Hearings Pilot Program and helped draft the Model Rules of Practice in Administrative Hearings. Commissioner Oliva is a member of the Cuban American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois. She has volunteered for the Chicago Coalition for Law Related Education, Lawyers in a Classroom and as a mentor for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators Mentoring Program.

Throughout her career in public service, Commissioner Oliva has gained experience in leadership, public speaking, stakeholder engagement, litigation, ethics, compliance and adjudication serving as a Commissioner, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Arbitrator, Ethics Officer and Prosecutor at different government agencies. Commissioner Oliva is a first generation Cuban American and was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She earned her J.D. from Loyola University, School of Law, her B.A. from DePaul University, and is a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart. She is a busy hockey mom and lives in Park Ridge, Illinois.

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Summary

Attorney with a career in public service experienced in leadership, public speaking, stakeholder engagement, litigation and adjudication serving as a Commissioner, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Arbitrator, Ethics Officer and Prosecutor at different government agencies. History of building and maintaining relationships across political interest and issue disputes. Thrive where innovative problem solving is necessary and effective at public speaking and stakeholder engagement. Subject matter expertise includes: Utility Regulation, Supplier and Workforce Diversity, Financial and Professional Regulation, Ethics, Compliance, Financial Crimes Prosecution, and Government Relations.

Professional Licenses

Licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois

November 1999

Licensed to practice law in the Northern District of Illinois

December 1999

Experience

Commissioner

January 2017 to Present

Illinois Commerce Commission

Chicago, IL

Appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner and confirmed by the Illinois Senate to serve as Commissioner and fulfill the agency's mission to balance the interests of consumers and utilities to ensure adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services. Regulate the commercial activities related to investor owned electric, natural gas, and water companies. Enforcement of regulations for trucking, motor carriers, and railroad safety. Implement and enforce rules and regulations, approve or deny rate increases, and monitor/report on relevant activities. Oversight of competitive marketplaces and enforcement of regulatory compliance.

General Counsel

Oct 2016 to Jan 2017

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Chicago, IL

Managed the Department's Office of Legal Affairs including general counsel staff in the Division of Professional Regulation, Division of Banking, Division of Financial Institutions and Division of Real Estate. Advised the Department's Secretary and Division Directors regarding legal policy and regulatory affairs in all regulated professions and industries. Developed legal positions relative to legislation. Served as spokesperson and legal advisor concerning interpretation and application of all federal and state laws and regulations as they relate to the Department and on sensitive and confidential legal matters including matters with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, legislators, private attorneys, the general public, Department of Human Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Civil Service Commission and other government agencies. Implemented Department courses of action on critical and complex issues.

Arbitrator

Feb 2013 to Present

Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Center

Chicago, IL

Among a panel of three arbitrators, conduct hearings and recommend an award for damages in cases scheduled for mandatory arbitration including personal injury, property damage, and breach of contract.

Chief Administrative Law Judge

May 2014 to Oct 2016

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Chicago, IL

Chief of the Administrative Hearings Unit supervising a staff of forty including Administrative Law Judges and Clerical Staff charged with hearing and processing approximately 4,000 yearly expungement, licensing and service appeals and ensuring federally mandated timelines are met. Reviewing recommendations to be sent to the Director, discussing any issues or concerns with the Administrative Law Judges, and alerting the Director's staff

to any issues or concerns. Processing orders and reviewing those of the Administrative Law Judges. Approving travel vouchers, invoices for services such as transcriptions and translations, and employee time sheets. Resolving personnel matters such as posting and filling of vacancies, union grievances, employee disciplines. Completing employee evaluations. Administering contracts for services such as mediation, translation and court reporting. Drafting proposed legislation. Interacting with the rest of the Department as an integral part of child welfare.

Ethics Officer

Jan 2013 to May 2014

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Chicago, IL

Acted as the liaison between the Department and the Executive Inspector General and the Executive Ethics Commission. Reviewed list of employees for Revolving Door determinations and Statements of Economic Interests purposes and thereafter, reviewed employees' statements of economic interests before they were filed with the Secretary of State. Provided guidance to state employees in the interpretation and implementation of the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.

Administrative Law Judge

July 2007 to May 2014

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Chicago, IL

Presided over hearings involving allegations of unprofessional conduct, tax delinquencies, gross negligence, malpractice and many more violations of the multiple acts governing the professions regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Wrote the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation to the Director in cases heard. Conducted the weekly Preliminary Hearing, Status and Motion Calls, including oral arguments, at the request of the Chief Administrative Law Judge. Formal Evidentiary Hearings over which I presided followed the rules of evidence and privilege as applied in civil cases in the circuit courts, pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, 5 ILCS 100/10-4.

Chief of Medical Prosecutions

Jan 2005 to June 2007

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Chicago, IL

Chief of Unit which prosecutes and regulates Physicians, Surgeons, Psychiatrists and Chiropractors licensed in the State of Illinois. Supervised Staff Attorneys. Filed complaints against physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, and chiropractors for violations of the Medical Practice Act including unprofessional conduct and gross negligence. Held disciplinary conferences with respondents and Medical Disciplinary Board members. Proceeded with Formal Evidentiary Hearings in contested cases, including high profile cases such as *IDFPR v. Joshua Salvador, M.D.*, and *IDFPR v. Hicham Riba, D.D.S.* Provided prosecutorial advice to the Medical Disciplinary and Licensing Boards. Drafted legislation to amend the Illinois Medical Practice Act.

Staff Attorney

Sept 2003 to Jan 2005

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Chicago, IL

Prosecutor in Medical Unit referenced above. Drafted Complaints against physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, and chiropractors for violations of the Medical Practice Act including unprofessional conduct and gross negligence. Held disciplinary conferences with respondents and Medical Disciplinary Board members. Proceeded with Formal Hearings in contested cases.

Special Assistant United States Attorney

Nov 2002 to Sept 2003

United States Attorney Central District of Illinois

Peoria, IL

Appointed to assist federal prosecutors in local prosecutions and investigations as part of a joint task force with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

Assistant Attorney General

Aug 2000 to Sept 2003

Office of the Illinois Attorney General

Chicago, IL

Prosecuted and investigated financial crimes. Led state, federal, and local law enforcement authorities in the investigation of securities fraud, computer fraud, state benefits fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, forgery, criminal

breach of fiduciary duty and public corruption. Obtained search warrants and eavesdropping orders. Presented cases to grand juries for indictment. Argued pre-trial motions. Proceeded with trial in cases not disposed of by satisfactory plea negotiations. Trained Illinois law enforcement officers on various aspects of criminal law and procedure.

Education

Loyola University School of Law

Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor

May 1999

Served as Vice President of Latin American Law Students Association. Authored *United States Compared to Western Europe: What's Been Done About the Paparazzi?*, in *The Forum*, Loyola's International Law Journal, Volume V., Issue 2, Page 13, May 5, 1998.

Loyola University Rome Center

Rome, Italy

International Law Studies

Summer 1997

DePaul University

Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts

June 1996

Major: French.

Minor: International Politics.

Recipient of Presidential Scholarship, Dean's List, French Club.

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Chicago, IL

High School

May 1992

Elementary School

May 1988

Languages

Fluent in Spanish and French.

Committees and Associations

National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC) Board of Directors

2019 to Present

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council

2018 to Present

Financial Research Institute (FRI) Advisory Board

2018 to Present

Gas Technology Institute (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Committee

2018 to Present

Organization of MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) States (OMS)

Board of Directors

2018 to 2020

Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC), Treasurer

2017 to Present

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

2017 to Present

Chair of NARUC's Supplier and Workforce Diversity Sub Committee and served on Committees on Water, Critical Infrastructure and Energy Resources and the Environment.

Chicago Bar Association

2012 to Present

Administrative Hearings Review Committee for the State of Illinois

2011 to 2018

As Chair of the Rules Subcommittee worked with a team of Administrative Law Judges and state agency attorneys to draft proposed Bureau of Administrative Hearings Rules as part of the Executive Order #2016-6 Pilot Project. As a member of the Qualifications and Mentoring Subcommittee, I participated in planning and organizing educational sessions for Administrative Law Judges employed by state agencies. I have also participated as a speaker for Continuing Legal Education and the Annual Administrative Law Conference.

Cuban American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois

2008 to Present

As a member of the Cuban American Chamber of Commerce, I volunteer to promote, encourage and foster the development of Cuban American professionals and celebrate Cuban American accomplishments.

Volunteer Work

International Confederation of Regulators (ICER)

Participate as a mentor for international women's mentoring program.

2018 to 2020

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

Jury experience for Chicago Public School 5th Graders

June 2015

Chicago Coalition for Law-Related Education

Evaluated teams made up of high school students in a citywide mock trial competition.

2012 to 2014

Lawyers in a Classroom

Volunteered in the Puerto Rican Bar Association program of *Lawyers in a Classroom*.

November 2009

Judicial Screening Investigator and Evaluator

Conducted an evaluation and investigation of a judicial candidate on behalf of the Puerto Rican Bar Association and Alliance of Bar Associations.

October 2009

Josephinum Academy

Volunteered as an assistant in the Inspire Program for high school students by coaching and counseling on life skills integrating mind, body and spirit in discussing sensitive issues that may affect them.

Sept 2007 to Dec 2008

2007 Moot Court

Volunteered as Competition Judge for the 2007 Chicago Moot Court Competition through the Chicago Bar Association.

November 2007

Articles

Negocios Now

“Strategic Resolutions for Increasing Supplier & Workforce Diversity in the Energy Sector”

September 2019

Public Utilities Fortnightly

“Illinois’ Future Energy Jobs Act at Work”

July 2019

Utility Dive

“Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers: A Surge in Consumer Protection Standards in Illinois”

October 19, 2018