

# Respicio F. Vazquez

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Partner

Respicio joined the firm in July 2004 after serving as General Counsel of the Illinois State Board of Education for four years. Respicio focuses his practice on the general representation of school districts and other educational institutions throughout Illinois. His practice encompasses a broad range of areas, including school governance, business operations, contracts and procurement of goods and services, construction, mechanics liens and real estate; personnel and employment issues, special education and reviewing and drafting of education-related legislation.

During his tenure with the Illinois State Board of Education, Respicio also served as the State Superintendent of Education in 2002. He was responsible for serving approximately 900 public school districts in Illinois, fulfilling the State Board's mission of providing leadership, advocacy and support for the work of Illinois school districts, of policymakers and of Illinois citizens. After analyzing the present and future aims, needs and requirements of education in Illinois, he presented his recommendations and worked with the State Board of Education, the Illinois General Assembly, and the Governor's Office for the passage of legislation affecting education.

During his tenure with the City Colleges of Chicago for eight years, Respicio served as its General Counsel and First Assistant General Counsel. Additionally, he served as an Assistant Attorney in the Chicago Board of Education for three years. **He currently serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, where he previously served as an Assistant Attorney General for two years.** Regarding his litigation experience, Respicio has appeared before the federal and state courts, as well as before administrative agencies.

Respicio graduated in 1985 from DePaul University College of Law. He also received his Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Business Administration, from DePaul University in 1982.

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