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William J.P. Banks, Esq.



Mr. Banks is an attorney who is Of Counsel to Morrill & Associates. Banks does all his government relations and lobby work through the firm.

Banks attended **DePaul University**, earning a B.A. degree in history. Thereafter, he graduated from **DePaul University College of Law**, earning his J.D. in 1975 and being admitted to the State Bar that same year.

He served as Alderman of the 36th Ward of Chicago from 1983 until fall of 2009, and **chaired the Zoning Committee** of the Chicago City Council. Banks continues to hold the political position of **36th Ward Democratic Committeeman**.

Prior to serving as an alderman, Banks served as the **Chief Research Aide and Legal Counsel to United States Congressman Morgan F. Murphy**. Later, he worked as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago, serving as Prosecutor, Special Prosecutor and Senior Attorney handling over 10,000 cases.

He has served as a Member of the Chicago Plan Commission, Delegate to Democratic National Conventions, and Treasurer of the Democratic Party of Cook County, among other positions. As an alderman, Banks has sponsored numerous successful legislative measures and received numerous awards and honors from a wide variety of organizations.

Banks **chaired Chicago's Zoning Reform Commission**, leading the successful revision and updating of the City's formerly antiquated zoning codes. As Chairman of the Commission, Banks is largely credited with creating the City's downtown density bonus, an incentive program that has generated more than \$12 million dollars for affordable housing developments in neighborhoods throughout the city. Since the Zoning Reform Commission completed its work in 2004, Banks has been contacted by governments from as far away as the Ukraine who are using Chicago's new zoning laws as a model for land development standards.

Banks resides in Chicago, Illinois.

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