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Richard R. Boykin is a partner in the Chicago and Washington, D.C., offices of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he advises clients on government relations and legal matters. He concentrates his practice on the representation of significant institutions headquartered in the Midwest before federal legislative and executive institutions in Washington, D.C., and before units of state and local government in Illinois. His experience includes appropriations, postal, health care, education, telecommunications issues and municipal advocacy. He counsels clients having issues before major committees in Washington, D.C., including: Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce.

Mr. Boykin served as Chief of Staff to United States Representative Danny K. Davis of Chicago, Illinois for nine years, where he was responsible for a staff of 22. He also served as Representative Davis' liaison to federal, state, county, and city officials, and interacted with business and individual constituents within the Seventh Congressional District, which includes the central business district (Chicago Loop) of Chicago and a significant tract of residential territory extending west from downtown Chicago. Prior to serving as Rep. Davis' Chief of Staff, he served as his Legislative Director.

Prior to his service with Representative Davis, Boykin served as a Congressional Black Caucus fellow for former United States Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) and as an LBJ intern for United States Representative Bobby L. Rush (D-IL), focusing on education issues.

Mr. Boykin has worked with the members and staff of the Congressional Black Caucus on multiple issues. Most recently, he led the Caucus' initiative focusing attention on the State of the African American Male as well as a task force designed to improve relations between law enforcement organizations and the African American community. In August 2011, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, appointed Mr. Boykin to the Business Enterprise Council, which focuses on increasing minority and women participation in state contracts. He currently serves on the Firm's Legal Personnel Administration Committee. He served as the Federal Relations Practice Group Co-Chair for three years.

Recent client successes include: assisting the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council secure \$160 million in federal funding to form the Land of Lincoln Healthcare CO-OP in Illinois. Additionally, Mr. Boykin worked on behalf of GTECH to assist them in becoming the Private Manager of the Illinois Lottery.

Throughout his career, Mr. Boykin has received numerous awards, including the Martin Luther King Dream Classic Award, the National Association of Community Health Centers Service Award, the John C. Stennis Leadership Award, the Congressional Black Caucus Fellows Award, the Westside Branch NAACP Humanitarian Award and, most recently, the Barnes & Thornburg Camille B.



Bar Admissions

Illinois

Other Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Education

University of Dayton
School of Law (J.D., 1994)

Central State University
(B.A., 1990)

Conway Diversity Award. Mr. Boykin serves on several boards, including the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, the Dr. Martin Luther King Dream Classic, the Illinois Group, The University of Dayton Law School Advisory Council and the StreetWise board of directors.

In 2014, Mr. Boykin was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners where he represents the constituents of the 1st District.

Mr. Boykin hosts a weekly radio show called "The Bridge Builder," which airs on WCGO 1590 AM every Sunday and is streamed live on the internet. The show aims to empower, educate and enlighten the public about government and politics that impact their daily lives. To learn more about the show, visit the website: www.bridgebuildersradio.com. He frequently speaks at conferences and events and is a member of the American Bar Association. Mr. Boykin received his J.D. from The University of Dayton School of Law in 1994 and his B.A. in political science from Central State University in 1990. He is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois and before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Boykin is not regularly admitted to practice law in the local courts of the District Columbia, and pursuant to Rule 49 limits his practice in the District of Columbia to lobbying federal agencies and the United States Congress.