

Hon. Barbara N. Flores
Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Barbara N. Flores was selected as an Associate Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County in October of 2021. Before joining the bench, Judge Flores served as a Commissioner on the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission from 2019 to 2021. She previously served at the Commission as an Arbitrator, the first Latina to hold the position. Prior to her service on the Commission, Judge Flores focused in labor and employment work at the federal, state, and local levels.

Judge Flores is actively involved in the professional community, especially dedicated to diversity and inclusion efforts in the legal profession, the advancement of law students, and continuing legal education. In this capacity, Judge Flores has served as a Co-Chair of the Diversity Scholarship Foundation's Continuing Legal Education and Scholarship committees since 2014. Her commitment to the profession extends to the broader community as a long-standing Secretary/Trustee of the Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund of Illinois, longtime member of various bar associations, and as a law student mentor through various organizations focused on the advancement of women and minorities in the law.

Judge Flores received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and is an alumna of Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she obtained her Juris Doctor degree and Certificate in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. She is admitted to practice in Illinois and New York.