

People



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Meg George has experience with real estate and municipal law matters, including the acquisition, and sale and development of real estate, land use and zoning, licensing, permitting, subdivision, and other real estate matters. In addition to her thriving practice, Meg is a member of Akerman's Executive Committee and serves as the chair of Akerman Strong, the firm's wellness initiative.

### Notable Work

- Representation of owners of shopping centers, convenience stores, hospitals, hotels, residential, commercial and mixed use buildings, office complexes, open space/conservation areas, schools, and libraries in the City of Chicago and suburban villages.
- Representation of clients in obtaining building licenses, public place of amusement licenses, parking permits, and building permits.
- Representation of clients in obtaining signage permits, grant of privilege permits, and oversized sign permits.
- Assisted clients in obtaining over one million dollars in USEPA Brownfields grants and IEPA Revolving Loan Funds.
- Appeared and made presentations before the Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals, the Chicago Plan Commission, the Zoning Committee of the City Council of the City of Chicago, the Chicago Landmarks Commission and the City Council of the City of Chicago.
- Appeared and made presentations before the Village of Barrington Plan Commission, Village Board and Architectural Review Commission, Village of Huntley Village Board and Plan Commission, City of Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Commission, City of Rolling Meadows Committee of the Whole, Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals and various other municipal committees and councils of neighboring jurisdictions.
- Appeared before various community groups and organizations in connection with proposed developments for particular sites.

### Areas of Experience

Real Estate  
Illinois Land Use and Entitlements  
Commercial Leasing and Development  
Alcohol Beverage  
Brownfields Redevelopment  
Land Use and Development  
Residential Land Acquisitions and Development  
Restaurant  
Public-Private Partnerships  
Lease Restructuring and Workouts

### Education

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 2006  
B.A., Xavier University, 2003

### Admissions

#### Bars

Illinois

#### Courts

Illinois Supreme Court

### Related Content

*Crain's Chicago* Names Akerman Partners Notable Women in Law  
February 20, 2024

Three Akerman Partners Selected Among *Connect CRE's* Women in Real Estate's 2023 Award Winners  
October 23, 2023

Akerman Sponsors the CREFC Capital Markets Conference  
September 28, 2023

## Community Involvement

- Chicago Sustainability Task Force, Member (Assisted in drafting the city's sustainability matrix)
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Board of Directors
- Circle of Friends, Vice President

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Connect CRE*, 2023 Women in Real Estate Award Winner for the Chicago & Midwest Region
- *Corporate Counsel Magazine*, Women, Influence, and Power in Law Awards, Recognized for "Collaborative Leadership," 2021
- U.S. Green Building Council LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP)
- *Chambers USA* 2021-2023, Ranked in Illinois for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, Listed as one of "Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers"
- *GlobeSt Real Estate Forum*, 2020 "Women of Influence" Honoree
- *The Legal 500* 2018, 2022-2023, Recommended for Real Estate & Construction - Land Use/Zoning
- *Leading Lawyers*, 2015-2016, Listed as an "Emerging Lawyer"

## Published Work and Lectures

- [2019 Akerman U.S. Real Estate Sector Report](#), Contributor