

Ms. Lea Gutierrez

Administrator, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

Lea Gutierrez serves as Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC) of the Illinois Supreme Court. In this role, she leads the Commission in safeguarding the public and advancing the integrity of the legal profession through registration, attorney well-being and education, and, when necessary, disciplinary action. Since her appointment, she has championed a forward-thinking approach to regulation—one that integrates equity, technology, and accessibility into the Commission’s work.



Her career reflects a sustained commitment to justice and organizational transformation. After beginning as a public defender, she rose through the ARDC as Litigation Counsel, Litigation Manager, and its first Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. She later served as Chief DEI Officer at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and at the American Lung Association, leading institution-wide strategies to embed equity and accountability.

Ms. Gutierrez continues to drive the ARDC’s evolution toward greater transparency, inclusion, and service to both the public and the profession, positioning the agency to meet the challenges of the next decade.