



## Leslie D. Minier

Partner and Chief Diversity Partner

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### Practices

FOCUS: Mergers and  
Acquisitions

Private Equity

Corporate

### Industries

Manufacturing and  
Industrials Private  
Equity

### Recognition

Most Influential Black  
Lawyers, *Savoy*  
Magazine, 2015,  
2018

Chicago's Notable  
Minority Lawyers,  
2018

*Who's Who in Black*  
Chicago, 2007

Leadership Greater  
Chicago, Fellow,  
2008

### Education

JD, Northwestern  
University School of  
Law

MBA, Northwestern  
University

MSEE, Georgia  
Institute of  
Technology

Leslie D. Minier represents clients in a variety of industries in connection with mergers and acquisitions, private equity and general corporate matters. She assists both public and private companies in structuring, negotiating and documenting both mergers with, and acquisitions and dispositions of, public and private corporations. She also advises private equity funds making investments in, engaging in leveraged buyouts of and selling portfolio companies.

Leslie is the firm's chief diversity partner and founder and co-chair of the Diversity Committee.

Prior to attending law school, Leslie worked as a manager in the Data Communication/Technical Planning & Development Group for BellSouth Enterprises.

### Memberships

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc.
- Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms, Board Member, 2006–2015
- Chicago United, Leaders Council
- Economic Club of Chicago, Former Member
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Joffrey Ballet, Board Member, 2006–2016
- National Bar Association
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, Board Member, 2007–2009
- National Black MBA Association, Inc.
- The Chicago Bar Association, Alliance for Women, Former Executive Board Member and Co-Chair
- National Association of Women Lawyers, Board Member

### Articles

- Author, Whether In House or at a Large Firm, Keys to Success for Women of Color Remain the Same, *Women in Law* 2008 (December 2008)



BSEE, Tuskegee  
University

**Bar Admissions**  
Illinois

- Co-author, Follow the Leader, *Women Legal Magazine* (September - November 2008)
- Author, A Progressive Approach to Law Firm Diversity Issues, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (November 2007)

### **Speaking Engagements & Presentations**

- Panelist | Women in Law | New York, New York (December 11, 2018)
- Sponsor | Center for Women in Law's 2016 Biennial Award Luncheon | Austin, Texas (April 15, 2016)
- Panelist | Telework and Alternative Work Arrangements Solve Workplace Challenges | 2011 ACT International Conference | Chicago, Illinois (August 27–31, 2011)
- Presenter | 101: Building & Strengthening Strategic Diversity Partnerships | 11th Annual Creating Pathways to Diversity Conference and Northeast Region Diversity Dinner | New York, New York (November 10, 2010)
- Panelist | Diversity and Inclusion in the AmLaw 200 and the Vault/MCCA Guide | Ninth Annual Creating Pathways to Diversity Conference | New York, New York (November 19, 2008)
- Presenter | The Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women Annual Awards Luncheon | Chicago, Illinois (May 22, 2008)
- Panelist | 5th Annual Chief Diversity Officers Forum | Atlanta, Georgia (April 2–3, 2008)
- Presenter | Women of Color in Law Firms: The Need for Change & Strategies for Success | Chicago, Illinois (December 11, 2007)
- Panelist | Maximizing Minority Lawyers in Majority-Owned Firms: Garnering Visibility for Your Firm's Diverse Attorneys | 8th Annual Creating Pathways to Diversity Conference | New York, New York (November 8–9, 2007)