

## JOSEPH M. GAGLIARDO

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For more than 30 years, Joseph M. Gagliardo has represented employers in a broad range of employment and labor matters. This year, he was recognized by his peers as Best *Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> Lawyer of the Year in Chicago for labor and employment litigation. "The labor and employment setting has provided me with a real opportunity to be a problem-solver because I view myself as being part of a client team," Gagliardo says.

Gagliardo began his career with the City of Chicago, where he rose to the position of First Deputy Corporation Counsel, working under four different Mayors. In 1988, the Firm Laner Muchin recruited him to start its litigation department. Today, Gagliardo is the Firm's Managing Partner and has represented prominent publicly and privately held corporations, such as the Trump Organization. He has also represented numerous public sector employers, including the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago.

Gagliardo recently represented the State of Illinois in negotiations concerning labor rule changes at McCormick Place. "The State, City and Unions were all able to work together to resolve the issue and as a result Chicago is now competitive again," Gagliardo notes. "I always get the greatest satisfaction when my work not only effects a positive change for the client but also for society as a whole."

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