

**Patrick M. Blanchard**  
**Inspector General**  
**Office of the Independent Inspector General, Cook County, Illinois**

Patrick Blanchard was appointed to serve as the first Independent Inspector General for Cook County, Illinois following a selection and screening process administered by the Chicago and Cook County Bar Associations and bipartisan committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County. Mr. Blanchard was confirmed by the Board of Commissioners in October 2008 and reappointed in 2014 to a second term.

Prior to his confirmation as Inspector General, Mr. Blanchard served as an Assistant State's Attorney with the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney from March 1993 to October 2008. During his tenure, Mr. Blanchard was assigned Division Chief of the Special Litigation Division and held several other supervisory positions within the Civil Actions Bureau of the office. There his practice included Employment Law, Civil Rights, Complex Litigation and Federal Litigation. His practice encompassed all aspects of trial and appellate litigation in both the State and Federal Court system and included numerous high profile matters. From 1990 to March 1993, Mr. Blanchard practiced law as an associate attorney with the Chicago firm of Clausen Miller Gorman Caffrey & Witous, P.C. concentrating in municipal law and subrogation.

Mr. Blanchard received his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School in 1990 and B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago in 1986. He is a Certified Inspector General of the National Association of Inspectors General.

Mr. Blanchard has served as a Panel Chair of the Hearing Board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court since 2008. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Blanchard also served as a Member of the Hearing Board from 2006 to 2008.

  
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