

Amy Blumenthal

Partner



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Services / Industries

Real Estate

Hospitality, Food & Beverage

Bio

Recognized by her peers and clients as a leader in commercial real estate, Amy Blumenthal has more than 35 years of experience in all areas of real estate, including office, retail, hotel, industrial and luxury residential properties, often concentrating on acquisitions, sales and financing, as well as real estate development. Her clients, from a variety of industries such as manufacturing, hospitality, and food and beverage, value her ability to listen and understand their priorities and needs to provide practical solutions that balance risk with achieving their business goals.

Amy's diverse practice includes representing owners, developers, lenders and investors in negotiating the acquisition, financing and zoning of property through its ultimate development, leasing and/or sale. She has a full range of experience helping clients with financing, ranging from initial acquisition to development and ultimately permanent financing, including working with senior debt, mezzanine debt and private equity. In working to close deals, Amy strives to understand not only her client's strategy and motivations, but also what is driving all other parties to the transaction. Finely honed listening and negotiation skills developed from handling hundreds of successful deals over the last three decades have led to many satisfied—and loyal—clients.

As part of her practice, Amy also handles high-stakes property tax appeals before a variety of governmental bodies, guiding clients through complex assessment issues for large commercial and industrial buildings, as well as luxury residential properties.

Amy is active in the broader commercial real estate community. She served as president, a board member and an inaugural member of the Distinguished and Notable Advisory Board (DNA) of CREW Chicago, a chapter of CREW Network, an organization of over 14,000 women engaged in all sectors of the commercial real estate industry.

Once a pediatric oncology nurse, Amy remains committed to supporting worthy causes in the healthcare community in Chicago. She provides ongoing service as a founding member of the board of directors of the Erie Family Health Foundation, which supports the mission of the Erie Family Health Center to provide high-quality, affordable health care for lower-income city residents.

Amy, who is a former managing partner and department chair at the firm, has been recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer for Real Estate as well as an Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of Land Use, Zoning & Condemnation, Commercial Real Estate and Real Estate Finance. Amy was named an honoree for Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and Chicago Lawyer Magazine's "Influential Women in Law Awards." She also has been recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as a "Notable Woman Executive Over 50," a "Chicago Notable Woman Lawyer," and a "Notable Women in Law." In January 2018, Amy was inducted into the Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame by Midwest Real Estate News.

Credentials

Education

George Washington University Law School
University of Rochester

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Affiliations

- Board of Directors and 2020 Immediate Past President, 2018-2019 President, CREW Chicago (Commercial Real Estate Executive Women)
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- [Amy Blumenthal Participated in a Fireside Chat in Conjunction with the JUF Lawyers Network, April 12, 2021](#)
- [Amy Blumenthal Emceed the 2019 CREW Annual Industry Achievement Award Dinner, February 28, 2019](#)

Events

- [Gould & Ratner Hosted the 2022 CREW Chicago Convention Reception, September 22, 2022](#)

News

Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 20, 2026

Sixteen Gould & Ratner Attorneys Named to Legal 500 City Elite List for Chicago, July 16, 2026

Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 21, 2025

Gould & Ratner Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 15, 2024

Gould & Ratner Named to 2024 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 17, 2023

Amy Blumenthal Named to CREW Chicago’s 2023 Inaugural Distinguished and Notable Advisory Board, February 9, 2023

Gould & Ratner Lawyers Named to Crain’s 2022 Notable Women in Law, September 5, 2022

Gould & Ratner Named to 2023 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 18, 2022

Gould & Ratner Wins IREJ 2022 Real Estate Law Firm of the Year and Real Estate Lawyer of the Year Awards, July 15, 2022

Gould & Ratner Named to 2022 U.S. News Best Lawyers and “Ones to Watch” Lists, August 20, 2021

Amy Blumenthal Appointed Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, June 29, 2021

Amy Blumenthal and Ilana Bley Recognized in Best Lawyers’ “Women in the Law” Business Edition for 2021, June 4, 2021

Amy Blumenthal to Participate in CREW Chicago’s Inaugural Distinguished and Notable Advisory Board, April 5, 2021

Gould & Ratner Lawyers Named to Crain's 2020 Notable Women in Law List, September 8, 2020

Amy Blumenthal Named to CDLB and Chicago Lawyer Magazine's Inaugural "Influential Woman in Law" List, June 16, 2020

Amy Blumenthal Named to Crain's "2020 Notable Women Executives Over 50" List, April 6, 2020

Eight Gould & Ratner Lawyers Earn Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Designation for 2020, January 30, 2020

Amy Blumenthal Named to Crain's "2019 Notable Women Executives Over 50" List, April 26, 2019

Amy Blumenthal Recognized Among Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers for 2018, July 31, 2018

Commercial Real Estate Forecast Interview, January 9, 2018

Amy Blumenthal Named to Board of Directors for Erie Family Health Foundation, January 8, 2017

Publications

Cook County Assessor Seeks to Reduce Assessed Property Values, June 1, 2020