

Biography for Karyn L. Bass Ehler

Karyn L. Bass Ehler currently serves as an Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General for the Illinois Attorney General, where she works on high impact litigation and legislation. Prior to this role, Karyn served as the General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), where she managed all legal functions for IDPH, and helped the State of Illinois navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to joining IDPH, Karyn served as a civil rights attorney in both private practice and in the public sector, including as the Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau for the Illinois Attorney General. In that role, Karyn oversaw investigations, litigation, and legislation to address patterns and practices of discrimination in Illinois. While working in that position, Karyn served as one of the lead counsel in the groundbreaking police reform case State of Illinois v. City of Chicago, which resulted in the historic consent decree addressing comprehensive and systemic reform of the Chicago Police Department.