



**An accomplished lawyer and business leader for three decades, Martín Montes helps clients navigate the complex federal, state, and local legislative and regulatory landscape. He is known for his ability to cultivate long-standing relationships and for his extensive public and community engagement.**

Martín focuses his government services practice on representing energy, utility, healthcare, education, and retail companies on various issues before the executive and legislative branches in Illinois. As more companies look to establish or expand their business operations in Chicago and throughout the state, Martín uses his corporate and economic development experience to assist clients in successfully accomplishing their goals. He will lead the firm's Government Services and Finance Department team in Chicago.

Martín draws on 25 years of experience in a number of in-house roles, including as vice president and director of regulatory affairs with Commonwealth Edison and as associate general counsel with both Exelon Corporation and Walmart Stores, Inc., for his government and finance-related client work. Through those roles, he fostered operational excellence by leveraging multimillion-dollar budgets and guiding diverse teams across a vast project portfolio. For example, Martín developed and executed a clean, sustainable, renewable, and beneficial electrification energy management strategy for over 6,000 large commercial and industrial customers in northern Illinois to combat climate change.

A first-generation Mexican-American raised by his two immigrant parents, Martín is passionate about community outreach, services, and programming, as well as advocating for diversity, equity and inclusion within and beyond his legal practice.

## Professional and Community Involvement

Board member, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois

Board member and past president, Indiana University Maurer School of

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### EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, (J.D.), 1995

University of Illinois, (B.S.), finance, 1992

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

### LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

### PRACTICES

Aviation and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Data Security and Privacy

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

White Collar and Investigations

### INDUSTRIES

Charter Schools and School Innovation

Colleges and Universities

Economic Development

Education

Government and Public Finance

Government Services

Hospitals and Other Healthcare Providers

Renewable Energy

Law Latino Alumni Advisory Board

Board member, National Museum of Mexican Art

Board member, Lakeview Pantry

Member and former regional president, Hispanic National Bar Association

Member, Chicago Bar Association

Former national board member, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Former board member, Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund

Former board member, Latino Policy Forum

Former board member, Legal Prep Charter Academy

## **Honors**

HLAI Latino Lawyer of the Year, 2023

Chicago United Business Leaders of Color Award Recipient, 2021

Leadership of Greater Chicago Fellow, Class of 2020

Negocios Now Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago, 2019, 2022

Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation Leadership Academy Inaugural Fellow, 2018-2019

Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois Lincoln Juarez Society, 2018

Indiana University Maurer School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, 2017

American Corporate Counsel Thurgood Marshall Award in Excellence, 2014

Youth Service Project Community Leader Award, 2014

State and Local Government - Illinois