

Mirena Fontana

Senior Paralegal

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Mirena Fontana is a Senior Paralegal to Founding Partner Antonio M. Romanucci and his team of attorneys. She has over 11 years of experience in the legal profession and has successfully assisted the firm in obtaining dozens of verdicts & settlements for its clients.

In her role as a Senior Paralegal, Mirena advocates for survivors of negligence, abuse, wrongful death arising from police misconduct, civil rights actions, sexual abuse and assault, medical malpractice and mass torts & class actions. Her skills and expertise have aided in obtaining justice for the individuals, families, and estates of hundreds of Romanucci & Blandin clients. Mirena has worked on many notable cases including the George Floyd settlement with the city of Minneapolis, a 2019 Chicago police chase that resulted in a fatal collision with an uninvolved family, and various other confidential and complex cases where millions of dollars were recovered for clients.

In September 2020, Mirena was nominated by Roosevelt University and honored by the American Bar Association in a Standing Committee Recognition for her success in the Paralegal field. To give back, Mirena frequently volunteers and appears as a guest speaker and panel member for various legal organizations, as well as her alma mater Roosevelt University, in Chicago, IL, where she is an Advisory Board Member for their ABA-approved Paralegal Studies Program, as well as a Member of Roosevelt's Paralegal Alumni Steering Committee.

Legal Activities & Leadership

- Illinois Paralegal Association
- Chicago Paralegal Association
- National Notary Association
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- American Association for Justice
- Roosevelt University
 - Roosevelt University Paralegal Program Advisory Board Member, 2017 - Present
 - Member of the Roosevelt University Paralegal Alumni Steering Committee, 2017 - Present

In the News

7th Circuit revives suit over Winnebago detainee's death
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, July 25, 2023

'A year unlike any other': Highland Park shooting victims continue to deal with grief, anger and pain
Daily Herald, January 4, 2023

Pain remains fresh, push for change strong six months after Highland Park massacre
CBS Chicago, January 4, 2023

Illinois is poised to pass an assault weapons ban. Will it withstand court challenges?
WGN9, January 3, 2023

Survivors of mass shootings in Highland Park, East Garfield Park voice support for proposed assault weapon ban
Chicago Tribune, December 13, 2022

Editorial: Lessons from the Sterigenics case. Why allow harmful emissions so close to homes and schools?
Chicago Tribune, September 27, 2022

Tipping Point – How a Senior Paralegal Fortifies the Case for Police Misconduct Victims
November 2020

Mirena Fontana Honored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee for her Success in the Paralegal Field on the 45th Anniversary of ABA Approved Paralegal Programs
American Bar Association, September 2020

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, *Civil Litigation & the Paralegal Profession*, First Generation in Law Scholars Program (FGLP), DePaul University - College of Law in partnership with Roosevelt University's Paralegal Studies Program, Chicago, IL, July 2023
- Frequent Guest Speaker & Presenter, Roosevelt University Paralegal Program
- Speaker, *The Career of a Civil Litigation Paralegal*, Roosevelt University Paralegal Alumni Group, August 2022
- Presenter, *A Pathway to Personal Growth & Successful Partnerships with Attorneys*, DuPage County Bar Association, January 2022
- Speaker, *Empowering Your Staff*, Diversity and Inclusion Bootcamp, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, January 2022
- Co-Presenter, "Summer Professional Development Workshop," Panel Discussion, Roosevelt University Paralegal Program, August 2021
- Co-Presenter, "What is Law?" Panel Discussion, Roosevelt University Paralegal Program, May 2019