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Areas of Practice

- [Banking & Finance: Loan Workouts](#)
- [Business Transaction: Contracts](#)
- [Litigation](#)
 - [Appeals](#)
 - [Business and Commercial](#)
 - [Real Estate](#)

Education

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
 - J.D. cum laude
 - Honors: Distinguished Scholar Award
 - Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Secured Transactions
 - Honors: Alumni Association

Carol Sales concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, insolvency matters, and commercial litigation. She has approximately 20 years of experience representing a wide variety of clients in all stages of litigation. Carol has also represented debtors, creditors, and parties in interest in numerous Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy cases for individuals and businesses. She takes a personalized approach to counseling clients to achieve their goals in a cost-effective manner.

Carol has been recognized as a Law Bulletin Media Leading Lawyer from 2021 to the present and Emerging Lawyer from 2018 to 2020 in the practices of Bankruptcy/Workouts and Business Litigation across the Chicagoland area. She co-authored the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's (IICLE) chapters on the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019; Representing Clients in Bankruptcy Cases; Chapter 11 Cases for Individuals and Small Business Debtors; Mechanics Liens in Bankruptcy; and Filing a Chapter 7 Petition and Exemptions. She obtained her J.D. cum laude from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. During law school, Carol was a lead articles editor for the John Marshall Law Review and a Distinguished Scholar Award recipient. She worked as an extern in the Circuit Court of Cook County for various judges hearing foreclosure cases and received an LL.M. in real estate law, with honors.

Carol has been recognized as a 2026 honoree for Thomson Reuters' [Super Lawyers® List](#). This is Attorney Sale's third year receiving this honor. She also was selected as a honoree for *Crain's Chicago Business* 2024 Notable Women of Law.

Award

- Law Review: The John Marshall Law Review, Lead Articles Editor
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
 - LL.M. in Real Estate Law with Honors
- Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 - Honors B.A. cum laude
 - Honors: University Honors Program
 - Honors: Ignatius Scholarship
 - Honors: 1st Place, Virginia Paige Aiken Writing Award
 - Majors: English literature & philosophy



Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy
Institute Member
- American Bar
Association Member
- Chicago Bar
Association, Judicial
Evaluation
Committee Member
- Diversity Scholarship
Foundation, NFP
Treasurer
- Illinois State Bar
Association Member
- International
Women's Insolvency
and Restructuring
Confederation
(Chicago Network)
Member, Past
Membership Chair,
and Past
Programming Co-
Chair