

DANIEL J. GOLDBERG

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO), Assistant State's Attorney (ASA), Chicago, IL, August 2022-Present

Multi-Jurisdiction Bureau, Cybercrime Specialist Group, May 2025 – Present

- Selected for the inaugural class of Cybercrime Specialist ASAs. Train with local and federal law enforcement partners to understand and assess the many ways crime is shifting toward online modalities.
- Training has included: AI and law enforcement, pig butchering scams, AI and multifactor authentication, crypto and money laundering, organized retail crime, and evaluating credibility based on body language.

Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, Felony Review Unit (FRU), November 2024 – Present

- The unit operates 24/7, 365 days a year. It has 12-hour shifts: 5:30 AM—5:30 PM, noon to midnight, and 5:30 PM—5:30 AM (three days on, three days off).
- Assigned to a team of six line ASAs and two trial supervisors responsible for reviewing all felony charges that law enforcement agencies within Cook County intend to pursue.
- Cases are reviewed either over the phone or in person at law enforcement partner headquarters or in the field, such as police stations, crime scenes, hospitals, homes, and more.
- Reviewed all different types of felony charges, including Hate Crimes, First Degree Murder, Attempt Murder, Officer-Involved Shootings, Armed Robbery, Criminal Sexual Assault, Fraud, Vehicular Hijacking, Child Abuse, Domestic Battery, DUI, Animal Cruelty, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, and other criminal charges.

Special Prosecutions Bureau, Domestic Violence (DV) Division, June 2024 – November 2024

- One of two ASAs assigned to a branch DV courtroom, handling a vertical prosecution caseload of ~800. All cases originate out of Chicago and are partner abuse, same-sex domestic violence, sex crimes, child abuse, and other domestic-related crimes of violence.
- Responsibilities include first chairing jury and bench trials, preparing daily court calls, drafting and arguing motions, coordinating with victim-witness specialists, training and overseeing clerks and 711 Limited License Law Clerks, and actively communicating with victims of all backgrounds who speak many different languages.
- During time assigned to the Domestic Violence Division, first chaired five jury trials to verdict.
- Member of the Antisemitic Hate Crime Task Force.

Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, First Municipal Division, May 2023 – May 2024

- First Municipal record-setting misdemeanor jury trial first chair, trying 20 cases to verdict. Cumulatively, questioned ~560 potential jurors ranging in life experience from a former congresswoman to a retired judge to convicted felons and argued countless motions to reconsider, for a new trial, and to quash evidence.
- Lead prosecutor of one of Chicago's four misdemeanor branch courts after having spent time working in each branch court.
- Trained five new ASAs on how to run a courtroom and court call and effectively manage a caseload of many hundreds. Tasked with reviewing charges relating to protests of various backgrounds and ultimately recommending whether to prosecute.
- Regularly communicated with victims; defense attorneys; Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioners; Chicago Fire Department Officials; City of Chicago Officials—both elected and career; and law enforcement officials from the Chicago Police Department, Illinois State Troopers, Illinois Department of Revenue Investigators, University of Illinois Chicago Police, University of Chicago Police, Northeastern Illinois University Police, Metra Police, Amtrak Police.

Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, Appellate Division,

November 2022 – April 2023

- Reviewed court records and dissected arguments to craft a persuasive response supporting the State's position. Assisted in drafting many appellate briefs filed in the Illinois Appellate Court, ranging from violent felonies to petty misdemeanors.

Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, First Municipal Division,

August 2022 – November 2022

- Started at CCSAO in the First Municipal Division, learning how to be a prosecutor: from a "first time up" with a victim or police officer to ensuring the State's compliance with discovery obligations, plea negotiating, and crafting offers. Trained to manage a caseload, run a court call, and subpoena victims and witnesses for trial.

Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Gang Bureau, Limited Practice Student Attorney (RI 39 Certification), Intern, Phoenix, AZ, May 2020 – February 2021; January 2022 - April 2022

- While supervised by a Deputy County Attorney (DCA), I listened to thousands of hours of jail calls, drafted numerous motions, researched various legal issues, and worked with the Phoenix Gang Unit Detectives.
- Appeared in court on behalf of the State of Arizona, under the supervision of a DCA, to argue motions, direct witnesses, and update the court on the status of discovery.
- Gained an understanding of the hierarchy of gangs within the State of Arizona.

EDUCATION

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, J.D., Phoenix, AZ, May 2022

Honors: Aspey, Watkins & Diesel Scholar

Activities: President, Jewish Law Student Association; Associate Justice, Assembly Member, Graduate and Professional Student Association

Barrett, the Honors College, Arizona State University, B.A., summa cum laude, Political Science, Tempe, AZ, May 2019

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's Scholar

Thesis: *Eternal Outsiders: A Historical and Present-Day Reflection on Anti-Semitism in America*

Activities: Chief Justice, Associated Students of Arizona State University Supreme Court, President - Interfraternity Council, President - Alpha Epsilon Pi

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), Chicago, IL

Assembly Member

June 2025 – Present

Elected as one of 203 members of the ISBA's principal policy-making body. Shape organizational policy, guide legislative initiatives, and advocate for the legal profession and public interest in Illinois.

Gastrointestinal Research Foundation (GIRF), Chicago, IL

Ex Officio Board Member; Chair, Emerging Leaders Council

December 2022 – Present

Lead the foundation's young leadership division, engaging emerging philanthropists and advocates to support research, patient care, and education aimed at preventing, treating, and curing digestive diseases. Serve as an ex officio board member, contributing to governance, fundraising, and strategic initiatives that advance medical breakthroughs and improve patient outcomes.

Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA), Chicago, IL

Rules and Ethics Committee Member,

Summer 2023 – Present

Appointed to AHA's statewide Rules & Ethics Committee, with original jurisdiction over the administration and enforcement of bylaws and rules outside of competitive play. Review cases, determine sanctions, and uphold standards of conduct for players, coaches, teams, and organizations, with decisions subject only to appeal to the Board of Directors.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (IHMEC), Skokie, IL

Young Professional Board Member,

Summer 2022 – Present

Promotes Holocaust education, preserves historical memory, and advances human rights to combat hatred and indifference. Contribute to outreach, fundraising, and events that engage new generations in combating antisemitism and injustice.

The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Chicago, IL

Member,

Spring 2023 – Present

One of the nation's oldest Jewish bar associations, dedicated to promoting justice, combating antisemitism, fostering legal education, and supporting the professional development of Jewish attorneys. Participant in events, networking, and community outreach programs.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Jewish United Fund (JUF). Chicago, IL

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Class of 2024 -2025

Chosen as one of 36 young leaders in Chicago's Jewish community who are making an impact through their work, volunteering, innovating, inspiring, and leading in both their local and Jewish communities.

LICENSES

- Licensed to practice law in Illinois and Indiana
- Pending licensure in New York