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SENIOR STAFF TO MAYOR EMANUEL JOINS CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Lisa Duarte joins firm's Chicago office

WASHINGTON— Cornerstone Government Affairs is pleased to announce the addition of Lisa Duarte as Vice President in its Chicago office. Duarte most recently served as Legislative Counsel for the Mayor of Chicago and the Acting Chief of Staff to the Mayor's Economic Council. As legislative counsel, Lisa served as a senior member on the Mayor's Springfield legislative team.

"The addition of Lisa to our Chicago team will prove invaluable to our clients," senior consultant Michael Forde said. "Her ability to assist us both with policymakers locally and in Springfield will significantly strengthen our reach and depth."

Duarte's legislative work included municipal pensions, gaming, rideshare, alcohol regulation, and administrative law. Lisa also collaborated with elected officials to address the City's concerns and help craft legislation advancing the City's legislative agenda. As Acting Chief of Staff to the Mayor's Economic Council, Lisa worked with public and private sector leaders to implement the Mayor's economic agenda which focuses on job growth, neighborhood economic development, infrastructure, and fiscal stability. "Lisa has done wonderful work on behalf of the Mayor's Office and the citizens of the City of Chicago. Our loss is Cornerstone's win." said Mayor Emanuel. "She will be missed."

"I am delighted to join Cornerstone and look forward to helping grow the firm in Chicago and Springfield," Duarte said. "Their reputation and effectiveness, and their focus on teamwork, was exactly what I was looking for as I contemplated moving to the private sector."

Duarte's addition to the Chicago office will expand the firm's current presence in the State of Illinois. The office is led by Michael Forde and Bill Smith, and is supported by Illinois natives Amy Souders, Mike Smith and Tim Wolfmeyer, out of the firm's Washington office.

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