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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT NOMINATES MARK A. FLESSNER  
FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Mayor Lori Lightfoot today nominated Mark A. Flessner for Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago and submitted his appointment for City Council approval. Flessner is currently Acting Corporation Council and remains in that capacity until his confirmation process is complete.

"The City of Chicago needs and deserves a Corporation Counsel as experienced, talented and committed to public service as Mark Flessner," said Mayor Lightfoot. "His knowledge and expertise in a wide range of legal areas is matched only by his desire to serve the public and create a better Chicago for all residents."

Prior to be nominated for Corporation Counsel, Flessner was a partner and trial attorney at Holland & Knight, a global law firm with more than 1,300 lawyers and other professionals in 28 cities across the world, including Chicago. He has more than three decades of professional legal experience handling sophisticated matters across numerous industries, including finance, healthcare, insurance manufacturing and retailing. Flessner also has extensive trial experience, which includes bringing more than 50 cases to verdict and arguing more than 40 cases on appeal.

"I am excited and honored to be considered for the role of Corporation Council and for the opportunity to step forward to and serve as the City's chief legal officer," said Flessner. "Throughout my career, I have worked in both the public sector and private sector and look forward to returning to government and leading a talented group of professionals who have a significant impact on our residents' quality of life."



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At Holland & Knight, Flessner's practice focused on representing clients facing government scrutiny for criminal, civil and regulatory matters. He advised clients with respect to complex commercial litigation, internal corporate investigations, grand jury inquiries and issues involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Flessner also represented the firm's local government clients in federal civil rights actions. Flessner also donated significant legal time to pro bono activities and was the pro bono partner for the Chicago office. He also served as member of the Federal Defender Panel in the Northern District of Illinois, provide legal representation to the indigent. Prior to entering private practice, he was a federal prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago, where he led major investigations involving sophisticated and complex financial fraud.

The Department of Law provides legal representation to the City and its various departments to protect public safety and maximize the quality of life for Chicago residents; to minimize the City's exposure to financial liability for claims and lawsuits; and to seek revenue and savings for the benefit of its taxpayers.