

Marilyn Benuska, CFRE, *Adjunct Counsel*



As a thought and action leader with significant accomplishments as a fundraiser, communications professional, and academician, Marilyn has more than 27 years of experience promoting educational, social service, and cultural organizations – both small and large – while having enhanced their financial stability and community standing. Her strength lies in finding creative resolutions and strategies necessary to facilitate a successful close.

Entering the field of philanthropy after more than 20 years as an educator, Marilyn’s expertise in teaching, training, written and verbal communication, and team building is significant. She has participated as a faculty member in the Managing Institutional Advancement program at the University of Chicago, Graham School of Continuing Studies and the Institute for Nonprofit Management, DePaul University. She is an instructor for the Donors Forum and a presenter at conferences for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA).

Currently, Marilyn serves as the Vice President of Development & Marketing for Community Support Services, a human service organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. Immediately prior to this position, she was with Ter Molen Watkins & Brandt serving as Senior Counsel and Vice President for Administration. Other leadership experiences include Director of Individual Giving, Museum of Science and Industry; Vice President of Development & Marketing, Jane Addams Hull House Association; Vice President of Development, Erikson Institute; Director of Development and Public Relations at both Immaculate Conception High School and Immaculate Heart of May High School.

Marilyn is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. She lives with her husband, Frank, in Oak Brook, Illinois.

