

Miller Canfield Lawyer Michele Bush Named To Illinois Board of Investment

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The law firm of Miller Canfield announces that health lawyer Michele B. Bush, a principal in the Chicago office, was recently named to the board of trustees of the State Board of Investment by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. Bush's appointment was part of Governor Quinn's announcement of 11 new members to the Teachers' Retirement System Board and State Board of Investment. Bush also serves as chairperson of the Illinois State Board of Investment's Audit and Compliance Committee, and is a member of its Investment Policy Committee.

Recently Governor Quinn signed legislation to reform Illinois' top pension boards by implementing needed structural changes and ensuring the boards are more open and accountable to the people. The State Board of Investment manages the investments of the State Employees' Retirement System, General Assembly Retirement System, Judges Retirement System, and the Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. The Teachers' Retirement System Board provides retirement pensions and other benefits for teachers and beneficiaries.

At Miller Canfield, Bush's practice focuses on general corporate and health care issues, including transactional, regulatory, non-profit corporate, tax and governance matters. Prior to joining Miller Canfield, Michele served as associate general counsel for one of the largest vertically integrated health systems in the United States. She is also a former general counsel and corporate secretary for one of the top pension funds in the United States and former general counsel to the board of education of the third largest public school system in Illinois.

She received her LL.M. in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. Her B.A., with honors, is from Northwestern University.