



Michele Baker Richardson, JD

Chair, Advocate Health Care

Chair-elect, Advocate Aurora Health

Michele Baker Richardson has served as Chair of the Advocate Health Care Board of Directors for the past 5 years. During her tenure, Advocate has consistently been recognized locally and nationally as a preeminent health system renowned for safety, quality and outcomes while being lauded as a top workplace. She was instrumental in the recent merger (April 2018) of Advocate Health Care with Aurora Health Care to create Advocate, Aurora Health (AAH), the 10th largest integrated health care system in the United States, where she currently serves as Chair-elect. She also chairs the Strategic Planning workgroup for the AAH Board of Directors.

Over the years, Richardson served in key advisory roles as a member of the Board Executive Committee, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee and as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. As president and CEO of Higher Education Advocates, LLC, Richardson is a strategic admissions consultant for a variety of private and institutional clients, including prior associations with the University of Chicago and the American Osteopathic Association. Prior to starting her own firm, she served as Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Law School from 2006-10, and as a senior administrator and health law professor at Chicago- Kent College of Law and DePaul University College of Law. Previously, Ms. Richardson practiced in the health law group at Hogan & Hartson, LLC in Washington, D.C.

She received an undergraduate degree in Economics and Organizational Behavior from Brown University (B.A., 1985) and a law degree from Yale Law School (J.D., 1990).