



JULIANA STRATTON

Lieutenant Governor

Juliana Stratton (Democrat) is excited to serve Illinois as the state’s 48th Lieutenant Governor. As the first African American to hold this office, she is passionate about equity and putting passion into government policy making. In this role, her portfolio includes leading the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative, and chairing the Illinois Council on Women and Girls, the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council, the Military Economic Development Council, the Rivers of Illinois Coordinating Council, and the Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) Board. She also co-chairs the Governor’s Opioid Overdose Prevention and Recovery Steering Committee. Stratton currently serves as treasurer on the Executive Committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association. Previously, she represented the 5th District in the Illinois House of Representatives. Her first elected office was serving as Parent Representative and, subsequently, chair of the Kenwood Academy Local School Council.

Lieutenant Governor Stratton’s entire career has focused on bringing people together, building consensus and solving problems. She started her own consulting firm focused on alternative dispute resolution and served as a mediator, arbitrator and administrative law judge for several government agencies. Stratton previously served as director of the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, as executive director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, and as a deputy hearing commissioner for the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection — each of these positions held the common focus of improving public safety and building stronger communities.

As a lifelong advocate for youth and creating safe spaces for our young people, Lieutenant Governor Stratton is a restorative justice practitioner and trained peace circle keeper. She was also a founding board member of the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center and served on the board of directors of the Juvenile Protective Association. Stratton is a founding member of the Council on Criminal Justice, a member of the Council of State Governments Healthy States Task Force and a fellow with the Hunt Institute’s Hunt-Kean Leadership Program. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; The Links, Incorporated; The Chicago Network; and Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

Lieutenant Governor Stratton was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and DePaul University’s College of Law. She and her husband, Bryan, live in the Bronzeville community and have four daughters. When she can find a bit of free time, she enjoys listening to house music, watching a good documentary, and training for marathons and triathlons.

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