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Mariah DiGrino is a real estate development attorney who concentrates in land use and zoning, public-private financing, public incentives, historic preservation and rehabilitation, and community and economic development. She is one of Chicago's principal attorneys making adaptive reuse projects feasible and attractive to developers. Mariah has collaborated with Landmarks Illinois on a variety of efforts to promote adaptive reuse projects, protect rehabilitation incentives and dissuade bad public policy around historic preservation. She helps developers, building users, nonprofits, lenders and investors navigate the intersection of real estate and government. By making the regulatory process more efficient, Mariah has successfully advanced historic preservation as an integral part of the city's economic and community development strategy. She has secured approvals to rehabilitate and reposition many of Chicago's iconic buildings, including the IBM Building, Wrigley Building, the London and Guarantee Building (now LondonHouse Hotel), Tribune Tower, the Three Arts Club, Navy Pier, Uptown Theater, Willis Tower, Illinois Center, the Marshall Field flagship store and the Old Post Office, where she was part of the all-female executive project team. Mariah has also secured approvals and incentives to redevelop important sites in Chicago's neighborhoods, including Pullman Park, Englewood Square, Southbridge (former site of Harold Ickes Homes) and Bronzeville Lakefront (the former Michael Reese Hospital site). A long-time member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), Mariah served as a member of ULI Chicago's Technical Assistance Panel studying preservation and rehabilitation of Woodstock's Old McHenry County Courthouse and was a founding executive board member of ULI Chicago's Women's Leadership Initiative leading efforts to create content and programming elevating the voices of women in Chicago's real estate industry. Since 2013, Mariah has been the pro bono general counsel for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Cook County's food bank, and she leads DLA Piper's efforts to provide legal advice and counsel on removing land use barriers to food access.

