

JO ANN ROONEY

JD, LLM, EdD • LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO'S 24TH PRESIDENT



QUICK FACTS

- Dr. Rooney is the 24th president of Loyola University Chicago and started her tenure on August 1, 2016.
- She is the first lay president in Loyola's history.
- Dr. Rooney possesses a diverse background that includes various positions in higher education, law, business, health care, and public service.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- She served for eight years as president of Spalding University—a private, Catholic, doctoral-level university in Louisville, Kentucky—where she led an impressive turnaround of an institution facing severe challenges.
- She spent more than 20 years in the classroom connecting with students and teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels.
- Within the U.S. Department of Defense, Dr. Rooney was nominated by the Obama Administration to serve as principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2011. She also served as acting under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness and was awarded by secretary of defense Leon Panetta, the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest award given to a civilian by the secretary of defense.
- In the corporate sector, she held roles including CFO/COO and Corporate General Counsel. Prior to joining Loyola, she was a managing director at Huron Consulting Group in Chicago.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Dr. Rooney has served as a board member for a variety of civic and corporate organizations, including the Catholic Education Foundation, Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare, and Regis University, a Jesuit institution located in Denver.
- She is a member of the American Bar Association and three state bar associations.
- She is currently a member of the Board of Education for the Archdiocese of Chicago and serves on the executive committee of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.
- Dr. Rooney is a member of The Chicago Network, the University Club of Chicago, the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Economic Club of Chicago and the Arts Club of Chicago

EDUCATION

- Dr. Rooney holds an EdD in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania, an LLM in taxation from Boston University School of Law, a JD from Suffolk University Law School, and a BS from Boston University School of Management.