



## **Carol Moseley Braun**

Born in Chicago, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun is first and foremost a lawyer—graduating from the University of Chicago law school and advancing her career as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. She subsequently served as United States Senator and United States Ambassador to New Zealand. Though Ambassador Braun has served at all levels of local, state, national and international government in nearly 30 years of public service, she has always maintained a strong connection to the Chicago and greater Illinois communities.

Ambassador Braun began her legal career as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's office in Chicago where she practiced from 1973 to 1977, primarily in the civil and appellate divisions. While in that role, Ambassador Braun's work in housing, health policy, and environmental law won her the Attorney General's Special Achievement Award.

Ambassador Braun held her first political post as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives beginning in 1978. Her tenacity and diligence quickly earned her the position of Assistant majority leader and spokesperson for the Mayor of Chicago. The Ambassador served in the Illinois State legislature until 1987 when she was elected Recorder of Deeds and Registrar of Titles for Cook County, Illinois.

In 1991 she ran for and won a contested primary election for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

On November 3, 1992, Ambassador Braun made history when she won election and became the first – and still only – African American woman to be elected to the United States Senate.

Ambassador Braun was first permanent female member of the Senate Finance Committee, and served on the Judiciary and Banking committees, as well as sub committees on international trade and small business. While in the United States Senate, Ambassador Braun advanced retirement security and health care support legislation for working men and women. She proposed the first modern federal school construction legislation and the first women's pension equity laws. Ambassador Braun also sponsored environmental justice legislation, historic preservation of the Underground Railroad, and the first federal support of Lupus research. She was a co-sponsor of a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, and defeated a patent for the Confederate flag. She helped establish the first public military high school, and effected funding for infrastructure and housing projects throughout Illinois.

After serving one term in the Senate, she was nominated to be the United States Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. Her Ambassadorship was confirmed by the Senate on November 10, 1999 in a 98-2 vote. Ambassador Braun held her diplomatic post for two years.

She has often been characterized as a pioneer and a champion for social justice and fiscal responsibility. She is also a former candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.



Ambassador Braun remains active as a business consultant and entrepreneur. She currently serves as Founder and President of Good Food Organics, a premium, certified organic food and beverage company. She continues to serve the community as a board member of the Episcopal Cathedral Shelter, the National Organization for Women, the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, the Bretton Woods Foundation and the Association of African American Ambassadors. She has joined Tetzlaff Law Offices as “Of Counsel”.

Ambassador Braun earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois in 1969 prior to earning a Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago in 1972. She holds 11 honorary degrees and has participated as a Harvard Kennedy School fellow.

Throughout the Ambassador’s professional and other activities, she remains in frequent and close contact with public officials at all levels of government throughout the United States. She remains involved with the international diplomatic community. Accordingly, she is well positioned – and well received – to advance our clients’ interests in all levels of government and foreign affairs.

She enjoys modest French fluency and has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and Asia. She is the mother of an adult son, and is a member of St. Paul and the Redeemer church.