

JO ANN ROONEY

JD, LL.M., 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. Most recently, Dr. Rooney served as managing director at Huron Consulting Group in Chicago with responsibility for developing strategies to advance Huron Healthcare's Federal Government Healthcare Sector consulting practice.
- Dr. Rooney is a practicing Catholic.

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 12 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 senior advisor to the under secretary of defense comptroller and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May 2011. She served as acting under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness until 2012.

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.

EDUCATION

- She holds an EdD in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Suffolk University Law School, as well as degrees from Boston University School of Law and Boston University School of Management.