



**LEE DICKSON**

*Managing Director, Entertainment Practice | Baum Realty Group*

Lee Dickson has just joined Baum to lead its Entertainment practice. She represents Lighthouse Artspace Chicago, Revel Global Events and Cards Against Humanity, her focus being on incomparable entertainment, restaurant and event clients and meeting their unusual requirements. She has an affinity for counseling theater companies and other not-for-profit entities to find the right fit for their unconventional needs and budgets.

Lee has served on boards for The House Theatre Company, Remains Theatre Ensemble, Famous Door Theatre Company and, most recently, Route 66 Theatre Company. She currently represents several such companies in search of their permanent performance spaces or office and rehearsal facilities. She led the River North Business Association as its President and served on the Lakeview Pantry's Capital Campaign to raise funds for their expanded home in Uptown. She is an active member of the League of Chicago Theatres, Arts & Business Council, City Club of Chicago, Women in Retail Leasing and EPWNG. She volunteers with The Saints, which supports performing arts organizations through ushering and charitable services.

Dickson & Co., her commercial real estate brokerage firm specializing in urban leasing and sales was founded in Chicago more than 35 years ago. She began as the Director of Retail Leasing with Metropolitan Structures as they developed Illinois Center, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and were the first team to try their hand at Block 37 with Helmut Jahn in the 80's. She and her partners established The Retail Group, the first brokerage firm in Chicago to specialize in retail properties and tenant representation. Later, she joined forces with Friedman Properties to create three boutique shared office suites businesses which heralded today's popular co-working spaces. While with Friedman Properties, as their Director of Retail, she marketed and leased the block known as Tree Studios and Medinah Temple and represented the Public Building Commission in redeveloping the Page Brothers Building adjacent to The Chicago Theatre. She stepped in as the owner's representative for a vintage Loop office property when it was bought out of foreclosure by a New York developer and oversaw the successful repositioning and then sale of the asset.

Lee holds a BS in Economics from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY (now part of Fordham University) and attended Purdue University pursuing a degree in Mathematics before she came to her senses and moved to New York.