

RAYMOND J. MANISTA

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT – GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY



Raymond J. Manista is senior vice president – general counsel and secretary of Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, WI. In this role, he is responsible for the company’s law and public affairs function, including the law, communications, enterprise compliance, and government relations departments. He also chairs the company’s Executive Leadership Team.

Previously, Manista was vice president – corporate planning, where he was responsible for oversight of the company’s strategy development and planning. Manista was appointed to this executive officer position in February 2006.

During 2004 and 2005, Manista served as Northwestern Mutual’s vice president – litigation counsel, which involved oversight of all litigation matters involving the company and its affiliated entities.

From March 2001 through 2003, Manista worked as director of planning and projects. In this role, he coordinated Northwestern Mutual’s strategic and annual planning processes, and acted as secretary to the company’s executive leadership and strategic planning committees.

Manista joined Northwestern Mutual in May 1998 as assistant general counsel. While in this role, he managed both insurance and investment-related litigation matters involving the company.

He came to Northwestern Mutual from his shareholder position at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Milwaukee, where he practiced commercial litigation from 1990 to 1998.

Manista received his bachelor’s degree, *cum laude*, from Marquette University, and later earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Marquette University Law School.

He is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Manista has served on several Boards, including the Association of Life Insurance Counsel (2010-2015, President – 2016-2017); Marquette University Law School (Advisory) (2008-present); Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Southeast Wisconsin (2008-2016); Milwaukee College Preparatory School (2002-2015); Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund (2008-2013); Saint Eugene School (2002-2005); and Marquette University Law School (Alumni) (1997-2006).



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