



Lori Lightfoot, Former Chicago Mayor, Joins Charles River Associates (CRA) as Senior Consultant to Forensic Services Practice

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 14, 2024-- [Charles River Associates](#) (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing [economic, financial, and management consulting services](#), today announced that Lori E. Lightfoot, the former mayor of the city of Chicago and a former federal prosecutor, has joined CRA as a senior consultant to the Forensic Services Practice. Ms. Lightfoot will work out of the company's Chicago and New York City offices.

"We are excited to welcome [Lori Lightfoot](#) to the CRA team," said CRA President and Chief Executive Officer [Paul Maleh](#). "Lori has a wealth of experience and rare expertise related to complex investigations, high-stakes litigation, enforcement actions, and crisis management."

"Lori exemplifies our commitment to being a trusted partner to clients in navigating today's most challenging business and regulatory environments," said Vice President and Forensic Services Practice Leader [Kris Swanson](#). "Lori will join a team that advises clients on high-stakes and complex matters involving serious allegations of fraud, misconduct, and matters of regulatory compliance."

"CRA has a stellar and well-deserved reputation, and I am honored to be joining such an esteemed group of colleagues," said Ms. Lightfoot. "I am excited about introducing CRA's excellent offerings to new clients and working to deepen our relationships with existing clients."

Ms. Lightfoot served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois from 1996 to 2002. She was later a senior partner at the international law firm of Mayer Brown LLP. From 2019 to 2023, Ms. Lightfoot served as the 56th mayor of Chicago. She has a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.

About CRA's [Forensic Services Practice](#)

CRA's Forensic Services Practice assists clients by independently responding to allegations of fraud, abuse, cybercrime, misconduct, and non-compliance, deploying cross-trained teams of experienced forensic professionals to deliver deep and timely insights. The Practice—including its state-of-the-art digital forensics, eDiscovery, and cyber incident response labs—has been certified under International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001:2013 requirements as part of its industry-leading commitment to clients and their information security.

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