

Regina Arendt General Manager Chicago

Regina Arendt began her hospitality career in a cocktail server role while attending DePaul University. It was in that role where she learned the values and intricacies of true hospitality that remain with her today.

Upon graduation, Arendt's experience served her well as she moved into the assistant food and beverage director position with a new Embassy Suites hotel in Deerfield. It did not take long for her talents to be recognized and sought after by the famous Lawry's The Prime Rib in Chicago. As a manager at the restaurant for seven years, Arendt expanded her skill set and developed her personal style of customer relations. Smith & Wollensky brought Arendt into its family as a floor manager in 1998 and quickly promoted her to assistant general manager. During the restaurant group's expansion into several new markets in the late '90s, Arendt was highly involved. She assisted with the launch and opening of multiple Smith & Wollensky locations before heading up the location in the city she most loves—Chicago.

Since 2009, Arendt leads the Chicago team as the general manager with genuine understanding that every detail adds up to a complete, extraordinary experience. She continues to learn new intricacies about hospitality and service, and always strives to make every visit to Smith & Wollensky a memorable moment for each and every guest.

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