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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the NSBA,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

These are most unusual times. We find ourselves in a dynamic and at times disorienting point in history. To think that just a few months ago, to me the word “zoom” conjured the image of an object that moved really fast. But as we all now know, the word “Zoom” has a very different meaning and has become the means by which many of us remain connected. Today’s circumstances have required each of us, and the institutions we serve, to adapt and find new ways to stay engaged—professionally, socially, and personally.

Over the past several weeks, we also have witnessed profound unrest and growing protests over a number of social justice issues. The NSBA is committed to doing its part to facilitate the conversation about these issues. In the coming year, under the leadership of NSBA Vice-President Bob Blinick, we plan to hold a number of CLE programs and other initiatives to better understand the causes of, history behind, and possible strategies for addressing these issues.

Since the fall of 2019, the NSBA has had a very active term. We honored Law Division Presiding Judge James P. Flannery, Jr. as the L. Sanford Blustin Recipient at the September NSBA Installation and Awards Dinner. NSBA First Vice-President Ann Pantoga organized a terrific lineup of several CLE programs for our members and friends over the past year. Our annual High School Mock Trial Invitational was a great success. With the leadership of Second District Presiding Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer, the staff of the Second District, Jason Stanford of Niles West High School, and NSBA Board Member Kim Pressling, the NSBA hosted teams from eighteen high schools from around the state, a record turnout. Our 2020 Gary Wild public service

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honorees are the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy and the Metropolitan Family Services Legal Aid Society. We will present those awards at the 2021 Gary Wild Dinner.

In other news, we will host the NSBA Judges' Night reception sometime in the fall of 2020. This year's honorees are Justice Mary Ellen Coghlan, Judge Lauren Edidin, Chancery Division Presiding Judge Moshe Jacobius, and Judge Jeffrey Warnick. These distinguished jurists have a combined total of nearly eighty years of dedicated service on the bench. Please stay tuned for more information about the scheduled date for the reception.

Finally, it is with enormous sadness that I report the passing of Judge Alexander P. White, Jr. on May 24, 2020. Judge White had a long and distinguished career in public service and in private practice before he joined the bench in 1986. Judge White served as the Supervising Judge of the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Law Division for most of his 33-year judicial career. The NSBA honored Judge White at its 2019 Judges' Night reception. For those of you who joined us for that event, you will recall the spellbinding narrative of Judge White's life and career delivered by Brian Liston, Judge White's long-time friend and colleague. Brian contributed a Memoriam about Judge White in this newsletter.

Until we meet again, please stay safe, healthy, and engaged.

Warmest regards,

Pat Heneghan,
President



NSBA ATTORNEY REFERRAL SERVICE

The NSBA Attorney Referral Service provides referral requests to NSBA members experienced in many areas of the law. A person in need of legal service can email their request to northsuburbanbar@gmail.com, and this request will be referred to an experienced attorney who handles legal matters in the area in which the person is seeking assistance. All matters handled through this service are considered confidential.



The NSBA consists of many attorneys who have practiced and provided continuing education in various areas of the law, including domestic relations, criminal defense, real estate, corporate formation and compliance, and injury claims. Litigants who are looking for attorneys in the northern suburbs frequently call upon the NSBA either to ask simple questions or to seek out attorneys who may be able to represent them for their legal needs. In that regard, the NSBA offers an important benefit, not only for its members, but also for those potential litigants who need it that of referring experienced attorneys to those individuals.

In the past year, the NSBA, through one of its Vice Presidents, has actively referred attorneys to numerous individuals who contacted the NSBA seeking legal services. The NSBA would like to thank Vice-President **Bob Blinick** for his generous efforts to field those calls, track the referrals, and provide follow-up service to ensure assistance was provided. Bob was the CLE coordinator in 2019–2020 and his contributions to those litigants was absolutely invaluable, and helped the NSBA meet its goal of providing legal services to the public in the northern suburbs.

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NSBA “HELP-DESK” AT THE SECOND DISTRICT

Almost every Monday, the NSBA also staffed a help desk to assist pro-se litigants at the Second Municipal District Courthouse in Skokie. NSBA Board Member **Judge James Allegratti** had recognized that there was a need to assist litigants who wished to represent themselves in his courtroom. Judge Allegratti, who handles the "pro se" call on Monday afternoons, suggested that the NSBA might be able to provide such help. Fortunately, the NSBA has several attorneys who are familiar with the types of issues that self-representing litigants typically encounter, including drafting a complaint that entitles the petitioner to relief, establishing jurisdiction of the court, effecting service of process, and counseling pro se litigants about the forms of evidence the court might be able to receive (e.g. hearsay evidence and its many exceptions).

Judges are, of course, prohibited from giving such assistance to litigants, but Judge Allegratti saw that those appearing before him were often in need of such guidance. The NSBA stepped forward to help, providing attorneys who could sit down with and advise those self-representing litigants. The NSBA would like to thank Former NSBA President **John Stimson** and NSBA Third Vice-President **Robert Blinick**, each of whom volunteered their time and energies to sit with many individuals at pro se court, answer those questions, provide direction when asked, and to help those who otherwise might not have been able to navigate or understand the legal process. The NSBA would also like to thank Judge Allegratti for pointing out this need, and providing the NSBA with the opportunity to help.

HELP STAFF OUR HELP DESK!

If you're interested in volunteering to assist at the help desk, please contact the NSBA at NorthSuburbanBar@gmail.com

NSBA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

The Seventh Annual NSBA High School Mock Trial Invitational was held at the Second District Courthouse in Skokie on January 30, 2020. The NSBA works very hard to prepare for this annual competition. We recognize that one of the most important and effective ways to encourage the best and brightest of the next generation to enter the legal profession is to share our knowledge and experience with them. This tournament is a fun and educational way to expose young adults to the justice system in the hopes that they will pursue a career in the future.



This year, the Invitational had more teams competing than in any of the previous six years. Eighteen high school teams participated, with schools from all over the state, from as far away as Normal, Illinois. This popular event allowed high school students to play the roles of attorneys and witnesses, while licensed attorneys served as jurors and evaluators, and actual judges presided over the trials. Approximately 60 NSBA members, judges, assistant state's attorneys, and volunteers from the Second District facilitated the event. After the trials, the jurors/evaluators provided feedback to the student attorneys. There were two rounds to the tournament, so that each team had the opportunity to try the case twice. Additionally, after the second round of trials, the students were able to interact with legal professionals, and learn about their experiences in the legal profession. The teams, lawyers, evaluators, and judges also were treated to a pizza party after the competition.

In this year's hotly-contested competition, Timothy Christian High School captured first place, with St. Charles North High School finishing in second, and De La Salle Institute finishing in third place.

The NSBA extends its appreciation to NSBA member and Presiding **Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer**, Niles West Teacher **Jason Stanford**, NSBA board member **Kim Pressling**, and to all of the participating volunteers, attorneys, and judges. We are already looking forward to next year's competition!



2019 GARY WILD DINNER

Every year, the NSBA honors the memory of its past President, Gary Wild. The NSBA gives a monetary award to organizations that exemplify Gary's character and interests. Gary was one of the most active members of the NSBA, and was known for his kindness and support to all members. As a lawyer, he was zealous in protecting the rights of his clients, and was known for his pro-bono advocacy. Gary was a social security disability lawyer, represented parents and children in juvenile court, and was an active member of the ACLU. **Judge Allen Goldberg** (Ret.), one of Gary's closest friends at the NSBA, presents the NSBA Gary Wild Award at the yearly dinner. Judge Goldberg and other attendees share their stories about Gary, and his charitable and civic contributions.



The 2019 recipients were **Life Span** and **The Kane Legal Clinic** of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These important and worthy organizations certainly exemplify the selfless nature and charitable spirit of Gary Wild.



Founded in 1978, Life Span provides comprehensive services for women and children, enabling them to live without violence, build upon their strengths, and become self-sufficient. By defining domestic violence as a crime as well as a social problem, Life Span is committed to providing victims of abuse with a range of options, including legal services, advocacy and counseling. Life Span's approach to ending domestic and sexual violence is a nationally-recognized model that provides safety, empowerment and a lasting solution.



To effect systemic change, Life Span provides educational and technical assistance to public and private service providers to ensure responsive and appropriate treatments and delivery of public services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Life Span is committed to reducing community acceptance and tolerance of abuse and increasing community awareness of domestic and sexual violence. Life Span represents survivors of such violence in a wide variety of civil proceedings, including dissolutions, parentage cases, child custody cases, child support requests, petitions for orders of protection and juvenile proceedings.

Life Span Executive Director **Denice Wolf Markham**, and Life Span Attorney **Kevin Curran** accepted the award on behalf of Life Span.

Established in 2005, The Arthur and Esther Kane Legal Clinic at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, provides pro bono services to individuals with visual impairments and limited means. As the only legal clinic of its kind, the Kane Legal Clinic fulfills an underserved and often neglected need in the community. Legal clients are never charged for services, no matter how complicated the issue, and no matter how long it takes to resolve that issue. One important distinguishing factor of the Kane Clinic is the staff's ability to empathize with their clients. Both Clinic Director, **Paul Rink**, and attorney **Carol Anderson**, are totally blind, and **Megan Craig**, one of the part-time paralegals, is visually impaired. The other paralegal, **Learnus Ross**, is sighted and a veteran, and has provided valuable insights to the Clinic in its quest to compassionately serve its many clients who also are veterans. Both attorneys specialize in 28 areas of law, ranging from Social Security, education, housing and employment discrimination, to estate planning and immigration.

The Clinic not only provides legal assistance but also works to empower clients by giving them the information they need to be independent. The Clinic Staff works to educate individuals about their rights and the resources available to them. Due to this guidance, clients leave with a greater sense of self-sufficiency and increased confidence. The Kane Legal Clinic offers services that change lives. To illustrate, some of its clients are on the verge of losing their homes, jobs, and livelihood. When these clients come to the Clinic during a time of great anxiety and worry, the Clinic's staff provides options to resolve issues, while offering them an empathetic ear for their problems.

Dr. Janet Szlyk, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Clinic Director **Paul Rink**, accepted the Gary Wild Award on behalf of the Kane Legal Clinic.

2020 GARY WILD HONOREES



The **2020 Gary Wild Honorees** are the **James Moran Center for Youth Advocacy** in Evanston, Illinois, and **Metropolitan Family Services**. As the 2020 dinner was cancelled due to the Covid-19 shutdown, the NSBA looks forward to honoring these two fantastic and deserving agencies at our 2021 dinner.

2019 JUDGES' NIGHT



The 2019 Judges' Night was held at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview. 2018-19 NSBA **President John Stimson** served as Master of Ceremonies, and **Chief Judge Timothy Evans** provided welcoming remarks to a room filled with enthusiastic attendees. This extremely popular and well-attended event honored three revered members of the judiciary: **Judge Carole K. Bellows**, **Judge Marcia B. Orr**, and **Judge Alexander P. White**.

Judge Carole Bellows (Ret.) was introduced by NSBA member Judge Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein. Judge Bellows retired from the bench in 2019 after 32 years of superb judicial service. Her storied career has proven her to be a trailblazer, and an attorney who has received well-deserved accolades throughout her career.

Judge Bellows was the first woman in the United States to be elected as president of a State Bar Association when she was elected president of the Illinois State Bar Association (1977-78). Judge Bellows also was elected Illinois State Delegate to the American Bar Association (1975-1988).

Judge Bellows has received the Maurice Wrigley Award for Outstanding Service from the Chicago Bar Association (1970), the Medallion of Honor from the University of Illinois Mother's Association (1975), the Alumnae Award from Northwestern University School of Law (1978), the Alliance for Women Founder's Award (2006), the Samuel S. Berger Award from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2007), the Decalogue Society of Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award (2008), the Illinois Judges Association Distinguished Service Award (2013), The Seymour Simon Justice Award from the Jewish Judges Association of Illinois (2013), and the Legal Luminary Award of the Illinois Bar Foundation And Illinois Judges Association (2018). Prior to her retirement, Judge Bellows presided over myriad matters in the Domestic Relations Division, and was known for her impressive legal acumen, her ability to efficiently manage an extremely busy courtroom, and her wonderful judicial demeanor. Judge Bellows will be one of the featured speakers at an upcoming virtual event about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.



Esteemed NSBA Board Member, **Paul Plotnik, Esq.**, introduced **Judge Marcia Orr**, and highlighted the multiple noteworthy contributions she has made to the legal profession. Judge Orr currently sits in the Second District in the Skokie Courthouse, overseeing a variety of legal matters. Judge Orr presides over civil, criminal, traffic, felony and misdemeanor cases. Judge Orr has been a judge for over 30 years, and is known for her thorough preparation and her significant knowledge of the law. Prior to being a judge, Judge Orr was a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney in the Appellate Division. Judge Orr is also known to be an avid reader, a wonderful baker and a supporter of artisans and jewelry makers.



JUDGE ALEXANDER P. WHITE

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Judge Alexander P. White was introduced by NSBA member Attorney Brian Liston. Mr. Liston and a few of his colleagues highlighted some of Judge White's achievements, and they shared wonderful and heartfelt anecdotes about the judge. By the time Judge White was presented the award, the entire room was cheering for him, and giving him a rousing standing ovation. Unfortunately, we recently lost Judge White, as he passed away on May 24, 2020, at the age of 88. Judge White is survived by his wife and best friend of 60 years, Marilyn, his sister, Patrica Platt, his children and his grandchildren. Judge White is so dearly missed by his colleagues and friends. The NSBA, through Attorney Brian Liston, loves and remembers Judge White:

BRIAN LISTON'S MESSAGE:

June 1, 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words about my friend, colleague and mentor Chief Judge Alexander White, who was loved so dearly by anyone who had the privilege to appear before him or spend time with this remarkable man. I think we can all call Judge White our teacher. He taught us how to be a great husband by example with his beautiful wife Marilyn for over 60 years, whom he loved so dearly. He taught us how to be a great father by how he revered his four wonderful children and his six beautiful grandchildren, who referred to him as "Gramps." Judge White also taught each and every lawyer who appeared in front of him in his 33-year stellar career on the bench in Cook County, how to be trial lawyers. Judge White taught us the love for country by serving proudly in the U.S. Marine Corps for 30 years, where he was a decorated Colonel while serving in the Korean War as a helicopter pilot in heavy combat, and he received a Bronze Star for his heroics in battle (Sometimes you had to hear his Korean War stories more than once, but as they say in Texas, "It ain't bragging if you been there!").

I had the privilege to start as a young lawyer 30 years ago in Judge White's courtroom with tax, miscellaneous remedies and Eminent Domain cases while at the Attorney General's Office and then in private practice. I was fortunate to try six cases under Judge White, and too numerous to mention quick-take hearings for the transfer of title in Eminent Domain matters. Judge White set the highest standard for every lawyer who appeared in front of him, and expected no less from himself.

He was always prepared and prided himself as always having a tremendous grasp of the issues and the law. With every hearing, motion argued, or case tried in front of Judge White, his tremendous knowledge of the law and facts would make every lawyer a better attorney and advocate.

No one, and I mean no one, was ever disrespected while appearing in front of Judge White. He had a soft spot for everyone who appeared in front of him on the bench. Government lawyers, private lawyers and property owners whose property was being taken by the exercise of the government's power of Eminent Domain under the 5th Amendment, were all treated as if they were lifelong friends. Such a tough guy being raised on the west side, he never had to prove how tough he really was since he had seen it all in combat and in life. Lawyers would often comment to their adversaries who did not know his gentle demeanor, to not mistake his kind and gentle ways for weakness.

Chief Judge White loved the collegiality among the Eminent Domain Bar both in the courtroom and out of the courtroom. At all the ABA Tax and Eminent Domain Conferences, the Chicago contingent of Eminent Domain lawyers would have a rancorous good time. We would all attend together and Judge White would remind us of Shakespeare's words: "Do as adversaries do in the law--strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends." It didn't matter what ABA conference we would attend with Judge White - he was the life of every party from San Francisco to San Diego, Dallas, Tucson and Atlanta. While attending one of the ABA conferences, one of my favorite Judge White stories, and there are many, is when he won the American Bar Association Freedom Award for excellence in 2000. All the Chicago lawyers were together at the ABA convention in Miami's South Beach, and the Freedom Award was given to Judge White impromptu, without notice. That entire afternoon, Judge White and the Chicago contingency of Eminent Domain lawyers had been out enjoying the excessive spirits and Judge White's homemade brew--the now famous Marine Corps "Grog Upside Down Stingers." He received this incredibly prestigious ABA Freedom Award, in front of over 2,000 lawyers, in his humble and gracious manner by accepting the beautiful Waterford Freedom Eagle. In a crowded room, full of the most prominent lawyers in America, waiting for Judge White's pearls of wisdom to be spoken, he leaned back at the microphone, took a deep breath and said: "Well, now I have somewhere to hang my keys when I walk in the front door," and left the stage to a standing ovation.

Thanks Judge White for all the great memories of friendship, frivolity and always making every lawyer that appeared in front of you better.

See ya on the other side, Colonel!

-BRIAN LISTON

2019 INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION DINNER

Our 2019 Installation and Recognition Dinner was a wonderful and elegant evening. The sold-out event was held at the North Shore County Club in Glenview, Illinois. In front of a standing-room only crowd, **Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans** administered the oath of office to **Honorable Patrick J. Heneghan** as president, as well as to the other officers and directors.

The North Suburban Bar Association was thrilled to present the L. Sanford Blustin Award to **Judge James P. Flannery, Jr.**, in recognition of his significant contributions to the legal community. Former NSBA President **Richard Pullano** presented the award to Judge Flannery, and highlighted some of Judge Flannery's career achievements. Judge Flannery has been administering justice from the bench for over 30 years. The depth and diversity of his experience is extensive; in fact, he has presided over 400 jury trials, including 80 felony jury trials and over 320 civil jury trials. For the last six years he has served as the Presiding Judge in Cook County's Law Division. Judge Flannery restructured the manner in which cases are handled in the Law Division and as a result has substantially improved the administration of the court call. The following statistics reflect how his actions and leadership have improved the Law Division:

- PENDING CASES ARE DOWN 22%;
- AVERAGE AGE OF A PENDING CASE IS DOWN 25%;
- AVERAGE AGE FROM FILING THE VERDICT IS DOWN 18%;
- AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION IS DOWN 22%





Judge Flannery's colleagues readily acknowledge his commitment to judicial education and training. Currently, he and his judges are writing new chapters and updating the existing chapters for The Law Jury Bench Book, a valuable reference for the judges he supervises. He also initiated and promoted a lunchtime educational series wherein the trial judges take turns discussing new case law and challenging issues that arise in their own courtrooms. Despite his busy schedule, he also makes himself readily accessible to discuss evidence and legal issues with his fellow judges. The North Suburban Bar Association was honored and privileged to present Presiding Judge James P. Flannery, Jr. with the L. Sanford Blustin Award.

At the conclusion of the evening, outgoing NSBA President John Stimson spoke, and noted the significant increase in the NSBA membership. Mr. Stimson thanked former President Richard Pullano for his guidance and leadership. Mr. Stimson also highlighted some of the successful NSBA events of the preceding year, including well-attended CLEs, a sold-out Judges' Night, numerous pro-bono contributions, and the Gary Wild Dinner. Representatives from both agencies honored at the 2019 Gary Wild Dinner, Life Span and the Kane Legal Clinic at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, also attended the dinner, and were recognized by John Stimson for their pro-bono contributions.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Under the leadership of First Vice-President Ann Pantoga this past year, the NSBA held a number of well-attended and informative CLE seminars and programs:

- October 23, 2019 – former **federal prosecutor Renato Mariotti** presented “White-Collar Investigations and Trials,” and led a lively discussion on the indictments in U.S. v. Blagojevich and U.S. v. Manafort, and on the jury instructions in U.S. v. Edwards;
- November 20, 2019 – the **Hon. Russell W. Hartigan** (Ret.) presented a seminar on “Fundamental Issues in Police Liability and in Sidewalk Liability Litigation,” and discussed both state and federal litigation;
- January 08, 2020 – **Judge Sophia Atcherson** and **Judge Mary Cay Marubio**, led a seminar on “Bond Reform and Pretrial Procedures;”
- March 11, 2020 – **Attorney Daniel P. Felix**, gave a PowerPoint presentation on “What Attorneys Should Know About the New Trust Act, According to One Professional Trustee.” The seminar covered the statutory foundation and key provisions in the new Trust Act.

The NSBA is proud to have as part of our activities an excellent Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program. In the past, we have been fortunate to have experts in many fields make presentations, including Judge Lyons on Law Division Trials, Judge Reyes on diversity, Judge Chupack on service of process, Robert Markoff for post judgment remedies, Erica Minchella on the new Residential Real Estate Contract, and many more. We are considering new and relevant topics, including the changing law regarding cannabis in Illinois, Covid-19 and its effects on the law, social and racial justice issues and the law, the new procedures (Zoom, distancing, etc.) implemented by area courts and how they will be handled going forward. We would like to hear feedback from our members both as to what topics we should present, and if there are members with particular interests and expertise that you would like to share and would be beneficial to NSBA members. Please contact Bob Blinick (subro2@aol.com) with ideas, suggestions, and interests so we may have productive and entertaining CLEs going forward, especially during the challenges presented by Covid-19.

2019 ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Our Annual Holiday Party was held on December 2, 2019, at Maggiano's in Skokie. A great time was had by all, at the well-attended celebration.





THE SECOND DISTRICT DURING COVID-19

from The Honorable Jeffrey Warnick

Since March 16, 2020, when all public courts closed to the general public following the General Administrative Order from Judge Evans, the Second District in Skokie initially operated two felony courtrooms for emergency hearings, preliminary hearings, bond hearings and domestic violence cases. The domestic relations court and the civil courts in Skokie operated remotely via Zoom or via agreed emailed orders to handle emergencies and all routine motions and orders. In mid-May, the Law Division Room 202 opened daily via Zoom to handle daily calls and to gain control over the arbitrary continuance dates posted by the Clerk's office.

By June 1, 2020, three more courtrooms opened remotely via Zoom. Two of the three are civil rooms that now handle the daily calls pursuant to the Civil Protocol published online with the standing orders of Judges Warnick and Allegretti. Other than jury trials, the civil rooms handle everything including motions, settlement conferences and bench trials. On June 1st, an additional felony courtroom opened to divide the six felony rooms in half. Each room is remotely reviewing the calls on a case-by-case basis in addition to hearing emergency motions. All misdemeanor and traffic cases are being rescheduled and staggered to August, September, and October. Only emergencies are being heard.

Further details and information may be obtained at www.cookcountycourt.org and looking under the Second Municipal District. You may also contact the Skokie office of the Clerk of Court.

JUDGES' NIGHT 2020

New date to be determined. Our Judicial Honorees will be:
Justice Mary Ellen Coghlan, Judge Lauren Ediden,
Presiding Judge Moshe Jacobius, and Judge Jeffrey Warnick.

ABOUT OUR 2020 JUDICIAL HONOREES:

JUSTICE MARY ELLEN COGHLAN:

Since July 30, 2019, Justice Coghlan has served as an Appellate Justice in the First District, reviewing civil and criminal decisions entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County. Prior to that, Justice Coghlan served in the Circuit Court of Cook County for 25 years, mainly in the Probate Division. Justice Coghlan served as the Presiding Judge of the Probate Division from 2010-2019. Before sitting in the Probate Division, Justice Coghlan was a felony trial Judge, at the Leighton Criminal Courts. Justice Coghlan is immensely respected by her peers, and known for her breadth of legal knowledge. In 2017, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Justice Coghlan to serve as a member of its Judicial Inquiry Board, and she served as a member of this important board until 2020. In March of 2001, Justice Coghlan was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Illinois Judicial Conference Study Committee on Complex Litigation, and she completed her initial term on this esteemed committee in 2009. In 2011, Justice Coghlan was appointed to a second term as a member of the Judicial Conference, and served on both the Executive Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee until 2016. Since March 2012, Justice Coghlan has served as a member of the Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge Nominating Committee.

Before being elected to the bench, Justice Coghlan also had an impressive career as an attorney, first working as an associate attorney at the Coghlan and Joyce law firm, then as an Assistant Cook County Public Defender in the Felony Trial Division, and later as an Assistant Attorney General in the General Law Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Justice Coghlan is a proud graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and DePaul University, College of Law. The NSBA is privileged to honor such a wonderful legal jurist.

JUDGE LAUREN EDIDEN

The Honorable Lauren Gottainer Edidin is a Cook County Associate Judge. Since 2007, Judge Edidin has been assigned to a felony courtroom at the Second Municipal District Courthouse in Skokie. Judge Edidin hears Chicago criminal cases, as well as a variety of other legal matters, including bond hearings, preliminary hearings, and domestic violence cases. Judge Edidin often serves as a resource and mentor for new judges, and she is praised for her knowledge of the law and her judicial demeanor. Judge Edidin also oversees the Mental Health Court in Skokie, where she is widely respected by participants, attorneys and social service providers.

In recognition of the compassionate and fair manner in which she administers justice and assists so many people in need of mental health services, Judge Edidin was appointed a member of the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning.

Judge Edidin began her legal career as a Cook County Assistant States Attorney, and then went into private practice, working for well-regarded attorney Ernest Blomquist. Judge Edidin then opened her own law practice concentrating in criminal defense, and she also served as the Northbrook Village Prosecutor. Judge Edidin has been a member of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association since the beginning of her career, and she served as President of the Association in 2004. Judge Edidin received the Northwest Suburban Bar Association's prestigious Public Service Award in 2018.

Judge Edidin has presented at numerous CLEs, and she appreciates the opportunity to speak with students and interns regarding legal issues. Currently, Judge Edidin is a mentor for new lawyers from the UIC John Marshall Law School.

PRESIDING JUDGE MOSHE JACOBIOUS:

The NSBA is thrilled to honor Judge Moshe Jacobius. Today, Judge Jacobius is the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division. He is a respected jurist, possessing outstanding ability, intelligence and integrity. Judge Jacobius came from humble beginnings, making his rise in stature all the more remarkable. He was born in Israel and lived with his family in a one-room structure with no bathroom until he immigrated to the United States at the age of 10. He followed a path of hard work, dedication and perseverance, an experience shared by so many immigrants to this country.

After he graduated from law school, Judge Jacobius joined the Illinois Attorney General's Office, rising to the position of Chief of the Civil Litigation Section and Counsel to the Attorney General.

Judge Jacobius served in the Attorney General's Office for 17 years. However, his world changed dramatically upon his appointment to the bench because he was immediately assigned to the Domestic Relations Division. He remained in the Domestic Relations Division, except for a 5-month stint for good behavior in the Chancery Division immediately before he was named Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Division in July, 2000.

Judge Jacobius is co-chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Custody and a member of the Court Security Committee. In December 2010, Judge Timothy Evans appointed Judge Jacobius as the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division. He is married and has two children and fourteen grandchildren.

JUDGE JEFFREY L. WARNICK:

The NSBA is proud to honor Judge Jeffrey L. Warnick. Judge Warnick graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He attended IIT-Kent College of Law and graduated in 1978. Following law school, Judge Warnick served as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney from 1979 until 1988. Among his significant jury trials were *People v. Jang Bae* (the arson murder of three Chicago firefighters), and *People v. Leonard Kidd* (involving the murder of ten children). He served as supervisor of the Arson Unit in the Special Prosecutions Bureau, following years as a first chair in the Felony Trial Division. Judge Warnick went into private practice in 1988 and specialized in insurance coverage, property and liability defense, and fire-related litigation. Over the years, he developed an expertise in fire and construction litigation, as well as over 20 years of experience in insurance coverage, subrogation and fraud investigations and trials. Before becoming a judge, Judge Warnick had over 30 years of substantial jury trial and litigation experience.

In 2009, Judge Warnick was appointed a Cook County Associate Judge. In 2010, he was transferred to the Chancery Division and heard commercial litigation and mortgage foreclosure cases. Next, Judge Warnick was re-assigned to the Second Municipal District in Skokie where he presided over civil as well as criminal motions and trials. In 2011, Judge Warnick was dually assigned to the Law Division where he presided over a civil court call handling motions, jury trials and settlement conferences. For two years, 2015-2016, Judge Warnick was assigned to a felony criminal courtroom in Skokie where he presided over motions and trials of felony cases arising within the northern suburbs of Chicago. Notable trials included a cold-case murder involving the evolution of DNA and multiple sexual assault and abuse cases.

Currently, Judge Warnick presides over the Law Division civil courtroom in Skokie. This court hears both Law and Municipal Division cases.

Judge Warnick conducts pre-trial settlement conferences as well as numerous motions and trials. He is married to Kathy Warnick, who works as the Director of Legal Research for the First District Appellate Court in Chicago.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 13, 2020: Virtual Hate Crimes Panel:** Presented as part of the Decalogue Foundation's Lecture Series, The NSBA is co-sponsoring this important panel with a number of other agencies, including the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, and the Village of Lincolnwood. This panel will discuss the history of hate crime legislation, First Amendment issues, and an insider's perspective of hate groups. The panelists will include Judge Renee Goldfarb, Justice Michael Hyman, Midwest Regional Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center Alison Pure-Slovin, and Jeff Schoep. Ms. Pure-Slovin will discuss the Wiesenthal Center's Digital Terrorism and Hate Project. Mr. Schoep formerly managed America's largest neo-Nazi group for 25 years, before leaving the group in 2019. Mr. Schoep will share his journey inside the largest national hate group and, why he walked away from hate groups for good. Further details about this panel will be released soon.
- **2020 NSBA Installation and Recognition Dinner:** Date and Location, TBD
- **2020 NSBA Judges' Night:** Date and Location, TBD
- **2021 Gary Wild Dinner:** Our honorees will be the James Moran Center for Youth Advocacy and Metropolitan Family Services: Date and Location, TBD



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