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CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS 8 WITH 2014 STEVENS AWARDS
Justice Stevens to Keynote September 18 Event

CHICAGO, ILL.(September 8, 2014) --Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens will keynote as The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) honors eight outstanding attorneys at the 15th annual John Paul Stevens Award Luncheon Thursday, September 18, at The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago. An 11:30 a.m. reception will be followed by the luncheon at noon. Tickets are \$65 per person. RSVP to tdrees@chicagobar.org or 312-554-2057.



About the Stevens Award

Named for Justice Stevens, a Chicago native, who retired from the Supreme Court in 2010, the award recognizes lawyers and judges who have demonstrated outstanding character and commitment to community throughout their careers. CBA President Dan Cotter said, “These eight lawyers, like Justice Stevens, exemplify the best qualities of our profession. They are devoted to public service and conduct themselves with the highest integrity.”

About the Honorees

Kimball R. Anderson

A nationally recognized trial lawyer, Kimball Anderson is a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP where he concentrates his practice on patent and trademark infringement, class actions, antitrust, professional liability, and product liability litigation. He is a former General Counsel of the firm and served for many years as a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

He has tried many complex commercial cases in state and federal courts around the country and has argued cases before the federal courts of appeals, including two arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has been recognized as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Chambers USA, has been voted by his peers a "Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyer," and is a Laureate of the Illinois Academy of Lawyers. He is also rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell® and was recently recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Best Lawyers® 2015*, and *Best Lawyers in America* for his commercial litigation and intellectual property practices.

His many honors and awards include: "Person of the Year" by *Chicago Lawyer* magazine (1996), the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award (2003), the Business Professional People for the Public Interest Law "40 Who've Made a Difference" (2009); Chicago Legal Clinic's Cardinal Bernardin Award (2008); Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award (2008); AIDS Legal Council of Chicago 2006 Advocate of the Year; United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service Award (2003 and 2004)); University of Illinois College of Law "Distinguished Graduate," 1996-1997. He also is a Certified Public Accountant and was awarded the Elijah Watt Sells Award Winner for earning the top score on the national CPA Exam in 1974.

He has served the legal community in many capacities over the years including as President of the Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) and as a member of the CBA Board of Managers. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Public Interest Law Initiative and on the Advisory Boards of Cabrini Green Legal Aid and the Northwestern University Center on Wrongful Convictions. He has been an active fundraiser for causes including: Lawyer's Lend-A-Hand, Cabrini Green Legal Aid, the CBF Lincoln Circle, and the AIDS Legal Council.

With his wife, he created and funded two public interest fellowship programs: the Kimball and Karen Anderson Fellowship (administered by the CBF) and Anderson Public Interest Fellowship (administered by the University of Illinois College of Law).

He earned his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law where he graduated first in his class, summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, and served as editor of the Law Review.

Justice Joy V. Cunningham

Justice Joy Virginia Cunningham was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court, First District in 2006. Prior to joining the Court, she served as Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the Northwestern Memorial Healthcare system. She also served as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The Justice has had a broad range of experience over the course of her legal and judicial careers, initially serving as a judicial law clerk to the late Justice Glenn Johnson of the Illinois Appellate Court. She was also an assistant Illinois Attorney General, a litigator in private practice and Associate General Counsel for Loyola University of Chicago.

Her career has been diverse and non-linear career. Justice Cunningham has served on numerous boards and committees, including serving as co-chair of the CBA's joint state/federal judicial security task force, which resulted in legislation aimed at preventing disclosure of personal information of judges; she is a member of both the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial Evaluation Performance Committee, the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Education, and serves as chair of the Advisory Committee to the Illinois Supreme Court Preservation Commission.

In 2004, she became the first black woman to become President of the CBA, the nation's largest municipal bar association. She is a member of the venerable Chicago Network as well as the Economic Club of Chicago. She frequently writes and speaks on a number of topics including healthcare, regulatory matters, business ethics and issues related to diversity. She is noted for her interest in mentoring young people and regularly participates in educational and community outreach activities.

She earned her bachelor's degree from the City University of New York and her law degree from John Marshall Law School in 1982.

Kevin M. Forde

Kevin M. Forde is a past president of the CBA. He also served the Association in many other capacities, including seven terms as editor-in-chief of the *Chicago Bar Record*, the CBA's membership publication

The law firm he founded, Forde Law Offices LLP, has acted as counsel to major corporations and individuals in many high profile lawsuits. He was one of the principal lawyers in the litigation which resulted in the successful demutualization of the Chicago Board of Trade and its ultimate merger with the CME. He has represented a number of public officials in public policy cases including: the Mayor of Chicago (in the residency litigation); the Speaker of the Illinois House; and the President of the Illinois Senate. He argued on behalf of Judge Hubert Will and a class consisting of all federal judges in the United States Supreme Court, in the 1980 case *United States v. Will*. The case resulted in a substantial pay raise for all federal judges and an award of over \$10 million in back pay. After that successful case, in 1982 he helped establish the Federal Judges Association and he has represented the Association since that time.

He served as Chair of the State Compensation Review Board for 25 years. During his tenure, the salary of Illinois judges rose from being one of the lowest in the country to being the highest. He argued on behalf of Illinois judges to protect judges' rights to cost of living increases established by the Compensation Review Board. That action, *Jorgensen v. Blagojevich* (2004), resulted in a significant salary increase for each Illinois judge and back-pay awards totaling more than \$10 million.

His public service activities include: President of the Federal Defender Program, Northern District of Illinois; Member of the Review Board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission; Founding Director and President of the Wendy Will Case Cancer Research Fund; Founding Director of The Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois; and Founding Director of The Spencer Williams Foundation for an Independent Judiciary.

He has been listed by peer vote in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 25 years and is consistently honored as an *Illinois Super Lawyer*, twice listed among the top ten. Forde is an elected Fellow of the American

College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

He earned his B.S. in Accounting from Marquette University, and his J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago Law School.

Justice Michael B. Hyman

Michael B. Hyman has been assigned by the Illinois Supreme Court to the First Appellate District bench since January 8, 2013. He is the president of the Illinois Judges Association for 2014-15.

The Justice was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook in 2006. He was elected to a countywide seat for a full term in 2008. Before joining the judiciary, he was a principal at Much Shelist, Chicago, which he joined in 1979 after serving two years as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General in the Antitrust Division.

As a judge of the Circuit Court Of Cook County, he sat in the General Chancery Division (Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2013); Domestic Relations Division (Mar. 2009 – Sept. 2010); Supplementary Proceedings, Courtroom 1401 (mid-Dec. 2006 – Mar. 2009); Municipal Court, non-jury, contract and tort trials (mid-Sept. 2006 - mid-Dec. 2006); and Traffic Court (July 2006 – mid-Sept. 2006).

Justice Hyman has a habit of getting involved in causes he cares about and has been active in numerous professional organizations. Among them are the CBA (President, 2005-06 and editor-in-chief of the *CBA Record* and columnist, 1988-1990, 1993–2004, and 2007-2014); Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee (Committee member, 2007 - present); Illinois Judges Foundation (Board member, 2007-present); CBF (Board member, 2003-2013); Lend-A-Hand to Youth Program (Executive Committee, 2007–2010 and acting treasurer 2009-2010); American Bar Association (House of Delegates, CBA representative, 2005–2009; Coalition on Racial & Ethnic Justice, Chair, 2012-present and member, 2009-present; Judicial Division, Lawyers Conference, Chair, 2008-2009 and executive committee member, 2002-2010; Section of Litigation; editor-in-chief, *Litigation News*, 1990 – 1992; Founding editor-in-chief, *Litigation Docket*, 1995 – 2001; chair of a number of Section committees); and the Illinois State Bar Association (elected representative, Assembly, 1986-1992; 1993-1996; 2000-2004; chair of a number of ISBA Committees or Councils); and Jewish Judges Association of Illinois (president, 2011 - 2013).

Other leadership include the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois (board member, 2009 - present); SCRIBES, The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects (first vice-present, 2012-present and board member, 2004-present); Coalition for Equal Justice (chair, 2009-2013); and Decalogue Society of Lawyers (president, 2004-2005). In addition, The Illinois Supreme Court appointed him chair of the Illinois Judicial Conference Committee on Strategic Planning for the Conference year 2013.

The Justice's numerous articles and columns have appeared in legal publications including the *CBA Record*, ISBA newsletters, the *ISBA Journal*, *ABA Judges' Journal*, *Chicago Lawyer*, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, and *The Bench* (American Inns of Court publication), among others. In addition, he frequently speaks at education programs for attorneys, law students, and judges.

His many awards and honors include: the CBA's inaugural Diversity Initiative Award (2006); the IJA Presidential Service Award (2007); and the Court of Honor Award from Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (2008).

He graduated from Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, with honors, in 1974, and from Northwestern University School of Law in 1977.

Jean P. Kamp

Jean Powers Kamp, a civil rights lawyer, has been employed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since 1985, serving as a trial attorney, a supervisory trial attorney, as Regional Attorney in the former Milwaukee District Office, and, since the Agency restructuring, as Associate Regional Attorney in Chicago, supervising offices in Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The hundreds of cases she has litigated for the Commission have included EEOC v. AIC Security Investigations, Inc., the first case tried to a jury under the Americans with Disabilities Act; EEOC v. Mitsubishi Manufacturing, Inc., a pattern or practice sex harassment suit resulting in a settlement of \$34,000,000; EEOC v. DeCoster Farms, Inc., a sex harassment case alleging abuse of undocumented female farm workers; and EEOC v. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, a case challenging genetic testing of track workers who had been diagnosed with carpal tunnel syndrome. She is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Prior to working at EEOC, Kamp served as a law clerk to Judge Richard B. Austin of the Northern District of Illinois, as the first female assistant Federal Defender in Chicago, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Project on the Rights of the Institutionalized, and with the Mandel Legal Aid

Clinic of the University of Chicago Law School. She litigated a number of cases involving prisoners, including *Chapman v. Rhodes*, which she argued in the United States Supreme Court, before Justice Stevens.

Kamp is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of Chicago Law School. She has been married for 45 years to Allen Kamp, a professor at John Marshall Law School. They have two daughters and five granddaughters.

Justice, Thomas I. Kilbride

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride is the Illinois Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial District. The Third District covers 21 counties, contains two million people, and stretches from Indiana to Iowa along the Interstate 80 corridor.

He was elected to the Supreme Court of Illinois in 2000 and retained for a subsequent 10-year term in 2010. Also in 2010, he was elected Chief Justice by his colleagues on the Supreme Court. His three-year term as Illinois' Chief Justice ended on October 26, 2013.

During Justice Kilbride's tenure as Chief, the Court approved several key initiatives. They include enhancing the use of technology in all Illinois courts by encouraging electronic filing and other digital means of conducting court business; establishing a pilot project allowing cameras in Illinois trial courtrooms; and creating the Commission on Access to Justice to make it easier for all parties, including the poor and those with limited English proficiency, to navigate the Illinois court system.

Justice Kilbride has lived most of his life in the Third District, born in LaSalle and raised in the Kankakee area. He and his wife, Mary, a mathematics instructor at Augustana College, live in Rock Island. They have three daughters and one granddaughter.

He earned his B.A. degree magna cum laude from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota in 1978 and received his law degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., in 1981.

Gordon B. Nash, Jr.

Gordon B. Nash, Jr., Of Counsel at Drinker Biddle & Reath, focuses his practice on trial and appellate work. As an active trial lawyer, he has extensive experience in federal and state courts. He started his legal career as a Captain in the United States Army assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. After the Army, he served in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, where he became the chief of the Special Prosecutions Division.

He joined Drinker Biddle in 1978 as a partner and concentrated his practice in the areas of white collar criminal defense, securities, antitrust and commercial litigation. He is also often called upon to conduct internal investigations for corporate clients. He has previously served Drinker as the litigation department chair and a member of the management committee. Gordon has handled many high profile white collar and commercial cases including representing Chicago Board of Trade members against the Chicago Board of Options Exchange to a settlement estimated to be valued at about \$1 billion. He has also served as an arbitrator in more than 100 commercial cases.

He has served the legal community as President of The Chicago Bar Association, President of the Chicago Inn of Court, Chair of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, Vice Chair of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Groups of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and on many other civic and charitable boards and committees. He has also taught trial advocacy at John Marshall Law School and lectured and written for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

His awards and honors include admission to the American College of Trial Lawyers, recognition by the alumni association of Loyola University School of Law for his extraordinary service to the profession of law, and the John Marshall Award presented to him by the U.S. Attorney General for outstanding legal achievement.

He earned his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1966, and his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D. in 1969.

Kerry R. Peck

Kerry R. Peck has earned a reputation as an expert in the area of elder law. As the managing partner of Peck Bloom, LLC, and a past president of the Chicago Bar Association, his clients include families, hospitals, banks, and various governmental entities. He has extensive experience in handling difficult trust and estate matters. He vigorously represents parties in will contests and contested guardianships including minors and disabled adults, in addition to assisting families to plan for disabled children or other family members who are, or are likely to become, disabled and require special protection.

He is a vigilant advocate for adults and families that may be victims of financial exploitation. He is co-chair of the American Bar Association's Task Force on Diminished Capacity Issues and serves on the ABA Commission on Law and Aging which examines legal issues affecting older adults and produces policy, research, development, and professional and public education. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter.

He has been repeatedly selected by his peers in statewide surveys of Illinois attorneys as a "Super Lawyer," an attorney to whom other attorneys would refer their family, and was named a member of the Leading Lawyers Network. In 2013, he was recognized by IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law as one of their 125 Alumni of Distinction.

Peck was named chair of the State's Attorney's Elder Abuse Task Force and was retained by the City of Chicago Department of Aging to rewrite the State of Illinois *Elder Abuse and Neglect Act*. He is the co-author of *Alzheimer's and the Law: Counseling Clients with Dementia and Their Families*, published by the American Bar Association in 2013. He also co-authored two chapters, "Will Contests" and "Guardianship Litigation," for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He also regularly represents clients on a pro bono basis for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and by Court appointment.

He is also the author of numerous articles for the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, *Chicago Bar Association Record*, *Illinois State Bar Journal*, and various other legal journals and newspapers. As an authority on legal issues of interest to the elderly and their families, he has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Forbes* to name a few. He regularly lectures to attorneys and healthcare professionals across the country at continuing education seminars, and as an adjunct professor at John Marshall Law School's Elder Law Studies program.

He earned his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law with honors.