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**Professional**

*2013 to Present*

*Associate Dean for Professionalism and Career Strategy John Marshall Law School (JMLS), Chicago, Illinois*

**Supervision of Career Services Office**

Achieved increased job placement numbers; coordinated greater number of contacts with students and graduates to improve delivery of career services; offered events to help students and graduates develop their professional identity, succeed in law school and obtain jobs; conduct daily job strategy meetings with students and graduates.

*2011 to 2013*

*Director of Professionalism & Engagement (JMLS) Chicago, Illinois*

*2011 to Present*

**Supervision of Professionalism Office**

**Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program**

JMLS was the first law school in the State of Illinois to implement the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program approved by the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism; experienced lawyers mentor recent JMLS graduates; over 100 mentors and mentees have been matched, have completed orientation and have attended professionalism events offered at JMLS.

**Job Placement Initiative**

Improved delivery of services to students and graduates by enlisting over 70 volunteer lawyers to help place graduates in legal jobs and students in paid law clerk positions; monthly receptions are offered to help facilitate job placement.

**In-Classroom Professionalism Presentation**

Designed the In-Classroom Professionalism Presentation in response to criticism by the Carnegie Report that there is not sufficient instruction in the classroom related to the real world. Professionalism Course Syllabus, available upon request.

**Law School Survey of Student Engagement**

Supervised the Law School Survey of Student Engagement; used the results to recommend and facilitate implementation of improvements to the delivery of services to students.

**Professionalism Blog**

Author and edit submissions to the JMLS Professionalism Blog on the JMLS website.

**Justice Anne Burke Professionalism Series**

Office of Professionalism presents a series of panel discussions in collaboration with the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism; participants include judges and practitioners.

- 1997 to 2010*                      *Justice Illinois Appellate Court, First District*  
Authored hundreds of civil and criminal orders and opinions  
Presiding Justice Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth Division 2009-2010  
Member of the Executive Committee of the Appellate Court 2006-2007,  
Presiding Justice Illinois Appellate Court, Sixth Division 2003-2004  
Member of the Executive Committee of the Appellate Court 2001-2002  
Presiding Justice Illinois Appellate Court, First Division 1999-2000  
Appellate Settlement Committee 2000; Mediation Committee 2010  
Chairperson First District Illinois Appellate Court Study Group 1999-2000  
Standing Rules Computer and Information Systems Committee 1997-1998
- 2009*                                      *Certified Mediator*
- 1988 to 1997*                      *Trial Judge, Cook County, Illinois*  
**50 criminal juries** to verdict, **50 civil juries** to verdict, over 500 criminal  
and civil bench trials; over 500 pre-trial motions, post-trial motions,  
preliminary hearings, plea negotiations, pre-trial negotiations, fitness  
hearings, and post-conviction hearings.
- 1987 to 1988*                      *Administrative Experience*  
Chief, Felony Trial Division Cook County State's Attorney's Office.  
**Supervised 200 Appellate and Felony Trial Attorneys.**
- 1987 to 1988*                      *Coordinator of Federal State Weapons Prosecutions*  
**Supervised joint federal state prosecutions of UYW cases**
- 1984 to 1987*                      *Felony Trial Supervisor*  
Supervised 12 Felony Trial Attorneys.
- 1980*                                      *Deputy Supervisor of the Rape Prosecution Task Force*
- 1976 to 1984*                      *Litigation Experience*  
**55 juries** to verdict and over **500 bench trials**-felony, misdemeanor and  
juvenile, pre-trial motions, post-trial motions, preliminary hearings, grand  
jury hearings, plea negotiations, fitness hearings, criminal appeals  
post-conviction hearings and parole hearings.

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**Education**

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law J.D. 1976 with honors; **member of Law Review; member of National Moot Court Team.**

Bar Admissions: U.S. District Court 1984; Federal Trial Bar 1984; Illinois 1976

Northwestern University B.A. 1973, **Honor Roll, Illinois State Scholar.**

Loyola University 1969-1971

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Harvard Law School 1984.

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**Teaching**
*Adjunct Professor*

The John Marshall Law School 2010 to present

Northwestern University School of Law 1985  
to present

Northwestern University School of Law  
Summer Institute 1997 to 2001

The John Marshall Law School 2010 to present

University of Colorado-Boulder, Colorado 1997

University of Chicago Law School-Rape Trauma  
Syndrome Seminar 1988

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law 1985-1987;  
Trial Advocacy Team Coach 1985-1987

DePaul University College of Law 1986  
National College of District Attorneys 1987  
National Institute of Trial Advocacy 1984-1997  
Greenberg Traurig Trial Advocacy 2012  
Jones Day Trial & Appellate Training 2011

*Faculty Member*

Illinois Supreme Court Committee on  
Education for Illinois Judicial  
Conference; Ethics lecture March  
2008, Jan. 2008; Seminar Guilty  
Pleas May 2001, Nov. 2000.

Illinois Judges Association -  
IJA, ISBA, IJEC 2006

Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal  
Education, 1996

CBA Federal Trial Bar Course 1986  
*Violence: Ripple Effect* – Altschul Group  
Education Film

*LEAP/LAW Club Cabrini Green*  
1993--2003

*The Chicago Bar Foundation-*  
Law Bridges Program, Christopher  
House 1995-1996

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## Associations and Committees

*JMLS Strategic Planning Committee 2011-2013*  
*JMLS Board of Trustees Staff Liaison Committee 2011 -2014*  
*JMLS Ranking & Reputation Committee 2011-2014*  
*JMLS Student Affairs Committee 2011-2014*  
*JMLS Student Services Committee 2012-2014*  
*Chicago Bar Association*  
     Amicus Brief Chairman 2012-2013  
     Board of Managers, 2009-2011  
*Illinois Judges Association*  
     President's Action Task Force 2005-2006  
*Governor's Commission Criminal Code &*  
*Governor's Commission Status of Women*  
     Violence Reduction Working Group  
     2000-2002  
  
*North Suburban Bar Association*  
     4th Vice President 2003-2004  
     Member Board of Managers, 1995-2005  
*Women's Bar Association*  
     WBAI Women with Vision Awards  
     Committee 2000  
*The Supreme Court of Illinois Committee on*  
*Judicial Performance* Facilitator 1995  
*Chairperson Judicial DUI Training and*  
*Education Committee 1995-1997*  
*Children's Memorial Hospital Doctors Group*  
     Ethics Committee 2004-2005  
  
*Northwest Suburban Bar Association*  
     Criminal Law Newsletter 2000  
  
*Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee*  
     Committee of the Chicago Bar,  
     Illinois Judges, and Illinois State Bar  
     Associations 1997 to 2012  
*Illinois State Bar Association*  
     Committee on Minority and Women  
     Take Your Daughter to Work 2000  
  
*Intervention Instructions Inc. 1997-2001*  
     What's Driving You? DUI National  
     Prevention Initiative on the Internet  
*Skokie Youth at Risk Task Force 1995-1997*  
*Attorney General Commission on Evidence*  
*Collection 1985-1986*  
*Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation*  
     1993-2003  
     Murphy Scholars Mentor 1993-2003

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## Civic, Philanthropic, Community, Social, Public Service or Conferences

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning NYC 2011  
 Teaching Assessment Seminar Sophie Sparrow 2011  
 Midwest Academic Support Conference 2011  
 Illinois Supreme Court Professionalism Commission Training 2011  
 "Faculty Works in Progress Series," JMLS 2011 to present  
*JMLS Office of Professionalism* hosted IJA CLE for Retired Judges 2011  
*JMLS Trial Advocacy, Herzog and National Appellate Competitions 2011 to present*  
*Attended: Darfur A Humanitarian Disaster - Chicago Bar Association, 2007*  
*Chicago Lincoln American Inn of Court 2004-2006*  
*Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project - St. Sylvester's Shelter 2000*  
*Understanding the Courts: Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Case - American Bar Association Video*  
*The Court Beat: Covering Criminal Cases in Illinois - Video presentation by the Illinois State Bar*  
*Association, Medill School of Journalism and Northwestern University*

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**Publications**

- Illinois Judicial Bench Book; Criminal Law and Procedure**, Part One - Pre-Trial 2009.
- "Pre-Trial Motions,"** Chapter 8 *Federal Criminal Practice*, IICLE, 2005, 2000, 1997, 1992, 1987.
- Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee**, Advisory Opinions, Co-authored Opinion 99-7 and 99-8, (1999).
- "Criminal Law Update"** Northwest Suburban Bar Association Newsbriefs 1999.
- "An Overview of Spoliation of Evidence,"** Judicial Conference Symposium of the Loyola Law Journal, Vol. 28, Issue 4, 1997.
- "How Trial Courts are Implementing the New Civil Discovery Rules,"** NWSBA CLE Seminar, Fall 1996
- "DUI Advocacy: A View From the Bench,"** Chapter 7, *The Defense of a Drunk Driving Case*, IICLE Spring 1996.
- "Second District Civil Procedure Manual,"** 1996-1997.
- "DUI Symposium Manual,"** 1995-1997.
- Cabrini Green Law Club Manual** 1995; Updated 2005.
- "Domestic Violence: Use and Abuse of the Order of Protection,"** Northwest Suburban Bar Association
- "Judicial Restraints on Speaking: What Candidates for Judicial Office Can Talk About,"** North Suburban Bar Association Newsletter, Fall 1994.
- "Supreme Court Offers Guidance Interpreting Code of Judicial Conduct,"** *The Gavel* (Journal of the Illinois Judges Association), 1993, Vol. 16, No. 2.
- "Foundation for Opinions Evidence and Chain of Custody,"** Judicial D.U.I. Training, 1993.
- "Hearing on Impeachment of Jury Verdict,"** Chapter 5, *Criminal Law Benchbook*, Illinois Judges Association.
- "Case Note: People v. Storme,"** *The Gavel*, 1992, Vol. 15, No. 3.
- "Examining the Recanting Witness,"** *Litigation Magazine*, American Bar Association, 1988.
- Appellate Newsletter 1987-1988.** Editor for publication of Appeals Division of Cook County State's Attorney's Office.
- "The Gary Dotson Case: A Practical Approach to Recantation Problems in a Major Media Case,"** National College of District of Attorneys, 1987.
- "The Detainer Process: The Hidden Due Process Violation in Parole Revocation,"** 52 Chicago-Kent Law Review 716.
- "Sexual Assault: A Hospital/Community Protocol for Forensic and Medical Examination."** Contributing writer, 1985-1986.

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## Honors/Awards

**2005 NWSBA President's Mentoring Award**  
**2004 NWSBA President's Mentoring Award**  
**2003 NSBA Service Award**  
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**2000 IIT/Chicago-Kent Law School Professional Achievement Award**

**1997 Volunteer Achievement Award Chicago Youth Cents**  
**1996 North Suburban Bar Association Service Award**

**1995 Volunteer Appreciation Award Chicago Youth Centers**

**1999 WBAI Mary Heftel Hooton Award**  
**1997 Illinois State Bar Association Community Service Award**  
**1997 North Suburban Bar Association Professional Achievement Award**

**1992 McMannus Award -Alumnae Association of Mother Guerin High School**  
**Honor Roll Northwestern 1971, 1972, 1973**

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## Speaker/Panelist

### Appellate Court Speaking Engagements

ABA Webinar on Appellate Issues, Panelist, 2011  
Foran Glennon Palandech & Ponzi, *Appellate Practice*, Panelist, 2010  
MCLE Presentation for Office of State Appellate Defender, March 2009  
National Business Institute, *What Appellate Judges Want You to Know*, October 2009  
National Business Institute, *Civil Judicial Forum: Practice Tips, Evidence and Expert Testimony*, March 2009

### Bar Associations Speaking Engagements

Chicago Bar Association  
Chicago Bar Foundation  
Illinois State Bar Association  
North Suburban Bar Association, *New Court Rules*  
North Suburban Bar Association, *Judicial Ethics*  
North Suburban Bar Association, *The Children of Domestic Violence*  
North Suburban Bar Association Law Day Panelist Glenview Community Center, 2002  
Northwest Suburban Bar Association, *How Trial Courts Implement New Discovery Rules CLE Program*  
Northwest Suburban Bar Association, *Domestic Violence*  
Northwest Suburban Bar Association, *Appellate Court and Civil Practice Motion Practice*

**Community Speaking Engagements**

B'Nai B'rith Chaplain Goode, *Small Claims Court*  
Back of the Yards Council Judicial Panel  
Berwyn Rotary Club, *The Court System, Jones Intercable*  
Beverly Ridge Lions Club, *Criminal Law*  
Cabrini Green Youth Center's Career Day  
City of Chicago Department of Human Services  
Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Courthouse Watchers  
Knights of Columbus, *The Court System*  
Legislative Update/Chicago Access TV, 1994  
Niles Chamber of Commerce, *Truth in Sentencing*  
Park Ridge Rotary Club, *Juvenile Justice System*  
Polish American Businessmen, *Gang Violence*  
Search and Seizure Judicial Panel  
Southwest Regional Center Judicial Panel  
St. Bruno Phoenix, *The Court System*  
Western Springs Rotary, *Truth in Sentencing*  
WCBC Toughlove Group  
United Auto Workers Judicial Panel

**Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Speaking Engagements**

Elmwood Park Library, *Stalking Laws & Sexual Harassment*  
Legislative Hearings on Sexual Assault  
National Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Oak Lawn Kiwanis Club, *Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*  
Skokie Valley Business and Professional Women's Club, *Domestic Violence*

**DUI Initiatives Speaking Engagements**

Circuit Court of Cook County Alcohol Awareness Panel  
Circuit Court of Cook County DUI Seminar, *Effective use of Probated Sentences and Orders of Supervision*  
Circuit Court of Cook County DUI Symposium, *Developing Initiatives That Focus on the 21-34 Year Old DUI Offender*  
DUI Victim Impact Panel, Skokie Courthouse  
IICLE, *A Day on Trial: The Defense of a Drunk Driving Case*

**Grammar School and High School Speaking Engagements**

Highland Park High School, *Victim Impact Panel*  
Mother Theodore Guerin High School  
New Trier High School Mock Trial Program  
Northshore Country Day School, *Mock Trial Talk of the Town Cablevision: Small Claims and a Day in the Life of a Judge*  
The Latin School 's Leap Summer Program, *The Court System*

**Judicial Associations Speaking Engagements**

Cook County Judges DUI Conference

Illinois Judges Association, *Judicial Ethics and Judicial Independence*, November 2007

Illinois Judges Association, *Raising the Bar (and Bench)*, 2004

Illinois Judges Association Cable Program, *Judicial Perspective (Appealing a Case)*, 2003

**Law School Speaking Engagements**

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

JMLS Global Skills Conference, *Moderator*, 2011

JMLS Middle Eastern, Hellenic, Decalogue Student Bar Associations, *Easter and Passover Presentation*, Panelist

JMLS, *The Lawyer Workshop (App. Practice-Fed. & State)*, 2006, 2001

Loyola Law School, *The Appellate Process*

Northwestern University School of Law, *Objections*, 2000-2010

University of Chicago Law School

**Professionalism Speaking Engagements**

Ethics & Professionalism Panelist JMLS 2011

Facilitator for Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism 2011

Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education

JMLS In-Classroom Professional Presenter 2011 to present

Professionalism Overview JMLS Orientation 2012

Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, Panelist, *Proper Courtroom Demeanor*, 2000

**Senior Organizations Speaking Engagements**

Brickyard Seniors Judicial Panel

Commonwealth Edison Retirees

Copernicus Center, *Elder Law & Gang Awareness*

Elston Avenue Senior Neighbors, *Stalking Laws*

Goldman Home, *Elder Law & Gang Awareness*

Harlem Foster Seniors Crime, *Criminal Law*

Oak Lawn AARP, *Stalking Laws*

Oak Lawn Seniors, *Pro Se Court*

Park Ridge Seniors, *Pro Se Court*

Northshore Seniors, *Overview of Court System/Teamsters*

Northwest Settlement House, *Gang Violence*

Retirees United Steel Works Judicial Panel

Senior Prospectors, *Gang Violence*



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**Television and Radio Speaking Engagements**

20/20 ABC-TV

Continental Cablevision

MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour PBX-TV

Metro Vision

Multimedia Cablevision, *Gang Awareness*

Roosevelt University Radio, *Pro Se Court*

WBBM-TV's Newsmakers

**Women in the Law Speaking Engagements**

ABA/NAWL, *The Impact of Women on the Law: A View from the Bench*, 2001

Business and Professional Women Northshore, *Electing Qualified Judges*

Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women

Women's Bar Association Death Penalty Debate, *Moderator*