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## Lincoln, history await at Solo & Small Firm Conference

**T**he ISBA Solo & Small Firm Conference 09 visits Springfield October 22-24 during the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit the renowned Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and other Lincoln sites. Some events are being held in the historic Old State Capitol building, where Lincoln delivered the "House Divided" speech. The building also was the birthplace of the Illinois State Bar Association on January 4, 1877.

The Conference offers three tracks of programming: substantive law, legal technology, and effective and ethical practice, including an optional 4 hour segment on the New Rules of Professional Conduct. The Solo & Small Firm Conference is a unique opportunity for ISBA members to gain valuable practice guidance, earn up to 18 hours of MCLE credits, and build networks with practitioners from across Illinois.

A full Conference schedule and registration information appear on pages 10-13. ♦



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

## New Quarterly takes ISBA back to the future

### *A message from the President*

**N**inety-seven years after ISBA launched the Quarterly Bulletin, we're at it again! Welcome to the first issue of Illinois Lawyer Now Quarterly. It's an all new publication designed to communicate timely news of the Association and the practice of law to ISBA members. Our aim is the same as the one at left that guided the 1912 Quarterly.

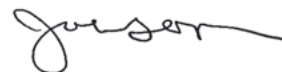
Today, our members practice in a fast-paced and changing environment. Two of the most important ways ISBA helps you keep up to date are through our active role in state legislative affairs and our leading role in shaping and maintaining the ethics of the profession. A legislative report will be a regular feature of the Quarterly, and be sure to check out the article in this issue highlighting the new Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct that take effect January 1, 2010.

Also featured in this issue is the 3rd annual Solo and Small Firm Conference being held in Springfield in October. It's a great opportunity to visit Lincoln's hometown during the bicentennial of his birth.

Now, about the name. Consider the Quarterly to be a companion to our new online news publication at IllinoisLawyerNow.com. We launched this electronic news service in June as a means of providing news about the Association and the practice on a daily basis. If you haven't yet visited the site, please do so today. It's truly news as it happens.

Together, these publications join the Illinois Bar Journal, newsletters from our substantive law sections, practice books, and other publications as invaluable tools for today's Illinois lawyer.

Welcome to the 21st century of bar communications. Dig in!



John G. O'Brien  
President

*"... our aim  
is to fill it so  
full of meat that  
every morsel will be  
eagerly devoured  
by the recipient."*

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# Highlights of Illinois' New Rules of Professional Responsibility

by **Charles J. Northrup**  
General Counsel, ISBA

**B**y now all Illinois lawyers should be looking toward January 1, 2010, not only as the start of a new calendar year, but as the effective date of Illinois' new Rules of Professional Responsibility. To be sure, much of the new Rules will be familiar. The format remains the same. The language in many cases remains the same. Where language has changed or been "modernized" (particularly in the advertising arena) the substance remains essentially the same.

There are, however, some aspects of the Rules that are different. Most obvious is the inclusion of Comments to each Rule that explain and illustrate the Rule's meaning. While the text of the Rule is authoritative, the Comments are guides to interpretation. Importantly, many requirements of the former Rules, if not contained in the new Rules, can often be found in the Comments.

One of the most significant aspects of the new Rules addresses concerns raised by the Illinois Supreme Court's 2007 opinion in *Dowling v. Chicago Options Associates, Inc.*, 226 Ill.2d 277, 314 Ill.Dec. 725 (2007). The *Dowling* opinion established the propriety, as well as numerous requirements, of "advanced payment retainers." Many attorneys felt the opinion also created some ambiguity as to how certain fees paid to a lawyer in advance of performing the work, such as fixed (also referred to as flat) fees, were to be handled by an attorney. Many were concerned that fixed fees were to be considered just another form of "advanced payment retainers" and subject to the very stringent requirements required of those retainers. There was also considerable concern about where such fees should be

deposited: in a client trust account or a lawyer's general operating account? New **Rule 1.15(c)** resolves this debate and provides that fixed fees are to be deposited into a lawyer's general account.

Here's a quick tour through other highlights: **Rule 1.6** concerning confidentiality has been revised to exclude the old applicability to "confidences and secrets." Now all information related to a representation is considered confidential, albeit with a few generous exceptions. To address concerns associated with the Enron scandal (and the role played by lawyers in it) **Rule 1.13** expands those situations in which a lawyer for an organization must act, and may reveal otherwise confidential information, related to crimes and frauds.

There are also several new Rules. **Rule 1.18** identifies a lawyer's duties to prospective clients. The Rule makes clear the applicability of confidentiality and conflicts obligations resulting from an initial consultation between a lawyer and prospective client. It also identifies those situations where that lawyer or the lawyer's firm can, nevertheless, represent a client adverse to the prospective client. **Rule 2.4** provides guidance to lawyers who participate in matters as arbitrators and mediators. The Rule requires a lawyer acting as a third-party neutral to inform unrepresented parties that the lawyer is not representing them and to explain the difference between the lawyer acting as a third party neutral and a more traditional role as representative. It also prohibits a lawyer (but not necessarily the lawyer's firm) from representing a participant in a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially as a third-party neutral. Finally, new **Rule 5.5** describes those circumstances in which non Illinois lawyers will be able to provide legal services in Illinois on a

limited basis. These Rules are not the only new Rules, but they do highlight some significant new additions.

As noted at the outset, while many of the Rules, and certainly the concepts, will be the same on January 1, 2010 as they were on December 31, 2009, Illinois lawyers should not take them for granted. In fact, every Illinois lawyer should take some time to become acquainted with the new Rules and the associated Comments. Finally, just to reinforce the need for lawyers to continuously monitor the Rules and their ethical obligations, the ABA just announced the formation of the Ethics 20/20 Commission to address technological advances and globalization of the legal services marketplace. Stay tuned. ♦

## KEEPING UP WITH THE NEW RULES

Don't miss

**1. Robert A. Creamer's comprehensive review of the new rules in the October Illinois Bar Journal. Creamer co-chaired the ISBA/CBA Committee on Ethics 2000.**

**2. And these Law Ed programs:**

**Oct. 2 – Chicago**

**Oct. 7 – Webcast**

**Oct. 22 – Springfield**

**Oct. 23 – Webcast**

**Nov. 11 – Webcast**

**Nov. 20 – Carbondale**

**Nov. 25 – Webcast**

**Dec. 2 – Webcast**

**Dec. 16 – Webcast**

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# Notes from a Tweeting Judge

by **Adrienne W. Albrecht**

*Judge, 21st Circuit  
Kankakee*

**L**et's just confess. The older we get, the more comfortable we are with the state of technology that existed when we were in college. It's just a fact. Even my Millennial children have been slow to embrace microblogging as a means of communication. Hence, the only reason why I felt compelled to start swimming in the stream of Twitter was to prepare to present a program on Cyber Issues to other judges. Since then, I've grown to embrace the medium. In fact, I've adopted my own identity called, "lawherder" and am coming up on 100 tweets. Now, the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts has jumped in and started posting updates on Twitter as "illinoiscourts." Proof positive that Twitter has gone mainstream.

Twitter is ideal for the age of smart phones. Its simple format and 140 character limit don't take up much bandwidth. Postings also fit nicely on tiny screens, and don't wear thumbs out when entering a new tweet. However, it has generated a jargon all its own. The ABA has even seen fit to post a "twictionary" on its web site to translate for those who don't feel comfortable turning to Wikipedia. The reality is that you don't need to be comfortable with the jargon to enjoy Twitter; just to talk about it.

Unlike the father in the television commercial who tweets about sitting on the porch, the AOIC and I don't tweet about events in our personal life. Instead, we use Twitter as an ideal method to post short updates with links to other sites. Lately, I've been posting feverishly as the Governor signs new bills into law. I've discovered that because so many of our new laws have an immediate effective date, judges and lawyers have a hard time keeping current. While Jim Covington does an admirable job covering major bills in E-Clips, I try to add more mundane things, like changes to sentencing laws and court costs. Besides, describing new laws in 140 characters or less is my new art form.

There are reasons to resort to Twitter over traditional means of electronic communication. For example, the AOIC has set up about 20 different e-mail list-serves enabling the subscriber to receive short e-mails notifying of new press releases, rules, orders, and case postings on its web site. However, these short, frequent, e-mails tend to clutter up one's inbox. Twitter is a great alternative. I like to think of it as a beacon. It points you to new material. This is

what Twitter does best. It is a great place to post and find notices of events and matters of note.

However, Twitter is not without its risks and frustrations. Over time, I've picked up some tips and tricks to make tweeting more productive and safer. First, I stay away from traditional news sources. They post too frequently. CNN, for example, posts dozens of tweets a day. While I value their posts, following CNN clogged up my Twitter home page, and I had to wade through pages of their posts to get to everything else. I much prefer following great legal sources like JDSupra and friends, like Nerino Petro, who is now the legal technology advisor for the state of Wisconsin. All of the Chicago law schools are on Twitter, as well. The ABA web site does a terrific job of keeping track of legal sources on Twitter.

Second, I'm very careful about the links that I follow. Hackers use Twitter to install malware on user's computers by sending them to web pages with the

itself would take up over half the permissible length. Therefore, I have to use one of the web sites that reduce the url for me. I prefer TinyUrl. It will cut the link down to a manageable size. However, no one that looks at the Tinyurl link can tell that it is legitimate. Therefore, I include a preview link in my tweets. It takes them to a site with a link to the real url. What I actually posted, then, looks like this:

IL PA 96-601 broadens who can take a consent to adoption and under what circumstances as of 8/21: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/ILGA-96-601> \t

Anyone clicking on the link goes to a place on the Tinyurl web site where they can find the real link to the page on the General Assembly's web site. It gives users more comfort, than just their trust in me, that the link is safe.

Finally, being a legal geek and a judge does not change the fact that I'm also a mother. Therefore, I must confess that I follow my children and other people that I care about on Twitter. It allows me to keep in their personal loop without nagging or intruding. Since Twitter notified them when I started following them, I know that I have their tacit permission; which warms my heart. ♦

**...describing  
new laws in 140  
characters or less  
is my new art  
form.**

offending code built in. When you click on a web page, you are giving a command that says, "go get" to your computer. You "view" the page after your computer receives and reassembles code packets from the source. By sending you to their sites, hackers get you to invite them to send you their corrupt files. Thereby, they "infect" your computer. Further, it's not always easy to ascertain that you are going to a "safe" location.

The thing about Twitter is that the 140 character limit prevents you from using the traditional url's or addresses of web sites. For example, PA 96-601, which amends the Adoption Act, is posted at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-0601&GA=096>. If I posted that address in my tweet describing the bill, the url by





# Capitol Chronicle

by Jim Covington

Director of Legislative Affairs

**A** quick snapshot of recent public acts affecting certain practice areas. See [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) to review the text of an act.

## Real estate

**Mechanics Lien Act.** Public Act 96-654 requires a contractor to give the owner written notice within 10 days after recording a lien against the owner if the improvements were to an owner-occupied, single-family residence. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Meth disclosure.** Public Act 96-232 requires the seller to disclose whether the property has been used for methamphetamine manufacture. Effective Aug. 11, 2009.

## Estate planning

**Will depository.** Public Act 96-137 creates a will depository for orphan wills to be administered by the Secretary of State. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**QTIP.** Public Act 96-789 creates QTIP trust legislation for an Illinois surviving spouse if the other spouse dies in 2009. It addresses the issues caused by the decoupling of federal and Illinois exemptions for estate taxes. Effective Sept. 8, 2009.

**Convenience accounts.** Public Act 96-123 creates "convenience accounts" in financial institutions. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Virtual representation in trusts.** Public Act 96-479 expands "virtual representation" of the Trusts and Trustees Act to extend its benefits to more trusts. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**DNR orders.** Public Act 96-765 requires one witness instead of two for do-not-resuscitate orders. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Surrogate decision-making.** Public Act 96-492 authorizes a surrogate to make decisions for the patient until removed by the patient who regains decisional capacity, a guardianship of the person is appointed, or the patient dies. Effective Aug. 14, 2009.

**Guardianship orders.** Public Act 96-177 creates the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

## Family law

**Attorney's fees.** Public Act 96-583 is a cleanup of § 508 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Military deployments.** Public Act 96-676 requires a parent's military family-care plan to be considered by the courts as part of the best-interests of the minor. It also prohibits a court from changing custody or visitation for the sole reason that a parent is being deployed. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Electronic visitation.** Public Act 96-331 authorizes electronic communication for visitation. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Service on employers.** Public Act 96-53 allows service of a notice to the employer for failure to withhold child-support to be done by the sheriff or private process server. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Visitation enforcement.** Public Acts 96-333 and 675 expand the definition of "visitation" to include "parenting time" and "joint custody" for civil and criminal enforcement. Effective Aug. 11, 2005.

**Paternity.** Public Act 96-333 requires the HFS voluntary acknowledgement of paternity form to be the same form for child-support collection and the Vital Records Act. This form must inform the mother and putative father that they have the right to request DNA tests for paternity, and if they sign this form that they waive this right. Effective Aug. 11, 2009.

## Local government

**FOIA.** Public Act 96-542 rewrites the FOIA statute. Some of its changes include the following. (1) Reduces the initial time and extended time for a public body to respond to a FOIA request from seven to five business days. (2) If a public body intends to deny access to a record by asserting the personal-privacy exemption or the preliminary-draft exemption, the public body must notify the Attorney General's

office so that it may review the asserted privilege and decide whether it is proper. (3) Mandates that the first 50 pages for black and white letter or legal-sized pages are free and caps the charge for the remaining copies at 15 cents per page. (4) It requires a court to award attorney's fees to successful litigants in FOIA litigation. (5) If the public body maintains the documents in electronic format, it must furnish it in the electronic format if the requester so asks. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

## Other new acts

**Order of protection.** Public Act 96-688 makes it a discretionary (it is now mandatory) to do a risk evaluation before bail is set for a defendant accused of violating an order of protection. Effective Aug. 25, 2009.

**Juvenile-court jurisdiction.** Public Act 95-1031 increases the age of juvenile-court jurisdiction to include 17-year-olds for misdemeanors only. It does not affect transfer provisions to adult criminal court. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Juveniles and home monitoring.** Public Act 96-293 allows delinquent minors to be put on electronic-home monitoring if they consent. Minors adjudicated delinquent for the most serious crimes are ineligible. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**Driving without insurance.** Public Act 96-143 makes it a Class A misdemeanor for any uninsured driver who causes bodily harm in a traffic collision. Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**DUI.** Public Act 96-253 does not prohibit a defendant charged with DUI from receiving a first-time supervision for DUI if the driver has had two supervisions in the past 12 months for non-DUI violations of the Vehicle Code. Effective Aug. 11, 2009.

**Child pornography.** Public Act 96-292 removes the statute of limitations if committed by a defendant who photographs persons under 18 in sex acts or sexual poses. It also makes a defendant eligible for civil incarceration after release from DOC if convicted of child pornography. Effective Jan. 1, 2010. ♦

# The Door is Open ... to ISBA Leadership

by **John G. O'Brien**  
*ISBA President*

**H**ere is a simple fact. The leaders of the ISBA are elected in an open election by ISBA members. Another fact is that it is easy to become a candidate for ISBA office.

In fact, ISBA members in early 2010 will elect 127 new members of the 201-member Assembly, 7 new members of the 25-member Board of Governors, and a new Third Vice-President who will be president three years later. Members who seek office will be required to file nominating petitions with the



requisite number of signatures of eligible voters no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. More details are below, and full details are available on the ISBA website [www.isba.org](http://www.isba.org).

The Assembly is the policy making body of the Association. It meets twice a year, and members serve three year terms. The Board of Governors functions as the administrative and managing body with full authority to act between Assembly meetings consistent with positions of the Assembly. The Board typically meets five times a year, and Board members serve three year terms.

Your Association depends on the active involvement of members representing the full spectrum of the profession. The opportunity is here, and the door is open.

**Consider becoming a candidate!**

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## NOTICE OF ISBA ELECTION

**Office of Third Vice-President**  
**7 – Seats on the Board of Governors**  
**39 – Seats on the Assembly (Cook County)**  
**88 – Seats on the Assembly (Outside Cook County)**  
**13 – Law Student Seats on the Assembly**

There follows a listing of the offices in the Illinois State Bar Association to be filled by the 2010 annual election. Those elected to the Board of Governors and Assembly take office on June 24, 2010 and the third vice-president takes office on June 26.

Office and Term	No. to be elected	Incumbent(s)
<u>Third Vice-President</u> -	1	no incumbent*
<u>Board of Governors, 3 year term</u>		
Cook –	3	Russell W. Hartigan – Chicago, Paula H. Holderman – Chicago <sup>1</sup> , Mark E. Wojcik – Chicago
Area 2 (Circuits 17 & 19) –	1	Bernard Wysocki – Waukegan
Area 5 (Circuits 5, 6, & 11) –	1	Stephen R. Pacey – Paxton
Under Age 37 – Downstate –	1	Dion U. Davi – Wheaton**
Under Age 37 – Cook –	1	Gina Arquilla DeBoni – Chicago
<u>Assembly, 3 year Term</u>		
Circuit 1 –	2	Rhett T. Barke – Carbondale, Carey C. Gill – Carbondale
Circuit 2 –	1	Jon J. Racklin – Olney
Circuit 3 –	5	Christopher J. Bauer – Greenville, Jennifer A. Shaw – Edwardsville, Christopher P. Threlkeld – Edwardsville, Scott Turner – Marine
Circuit 4 –	1	Daniel W. Austin – Taylorville, William W. Austin – Effingham
Circuit 5 –	2	Brian L. Bower – Charleston***, Barbara L. Delanois – Danville
Circuit 6 –	5	Michael P. McCuskey – Urbana, Darrel F. Parish – Decatur, Bradford J. Peterson – Urbana, John T. Phipps – Champaign
Circuit 7 –	5	Jennifer M. Ascher – Springfield***, Paul R. Bown– Springfield***, James W. Chipman – Springfield***, Gary L. Cline – Springfield, Carl E.

Office and Term	No. to be elected	Incumbent(s)
		Kasten – Carlinville, Timothy J. Londrigan – Springfield
Circuit 8 –	1	Nolan Lipsky – Petersburg
Circuit 9 –	1	Jeremy S. Karlin – Galesburg***
Circuit 10 –	5	Susan Dawson-Tibbits – Peoria***, Donald R. Jackson– Peoria***, Phillip B. Lenzini – Peoria***, Sonni Choi Williams – Peoria***, Richard W. Zuckerman – Peoria
Circuit 11 –	4	Scott D. Drazewski – Bloomington, Don C. Hammer – Bloomington, Thomas M. Harris, Jr. – Lincoln, Robert T. Varney – Bloomington***
Circuit 12 –	4	Jeff Allen – Shorewood***, Eric P. Hanson – Joliet***, Edward J. Jarot, Jr. – Joliet, Barbara N. Petrungaro – New Lenox
Circuit 13 –	2	Herbert J. Klein – Peru***, Rebecca Leynaud – Peru
Circuit 14 –	3	Robert H. Alvine – Moline, Robert T. Park – Rock Island, Curtis L. Trevor – Moline
Circuit 15 –	1	Edward J. Mitchell – Lanark***
Circuit 16 –	7	Peter J. Flowers – St. Charles, Heather M. Fritsch – Sycamore, Philip J. Lengle – St. Charles, Mary F. Petruchius – Sycamore, Richard L. Turner – Sycamore***, Douglas B. Warlick – Geneva, Rory T. Weiler – St. Charles***
Circuit 17 –	4	Cheri N. Greenlee – Rockford, John J. Holevas – Rockford***, Margaret L. Kreitlow – Rockford, Donald P. Shriver – Rockford***
Circuit 18 –	16	Steven B. Bashaw – Lisle***, Joseph M. Beck – Wheaton, Brenda M. Carroll – Wheaton, Neal W. Cerne – Wheaton***, Kimberly A. Davis – Lisle, Thomas A. Else – Wheaton, Kent A. Gaertner – Wheaton***, Glenn R. Gaffney – Glendale Hts., Connie R. Gessner – Wheaton, Mary E. McSwain – Wheaton***, Donald J. Ramsell – Wheaton***, James L. Reichardt – Villa Park, Fred Spitzzeri – Naperville, Thomas F. Sullivan, Jr. – Wheaton, Michael C. Wiedel – Downers Grove***
Circuit 19 –	10	Gretchen E. Fisher – Libertyville, Joann M. Fratianni – Lake Forest, Deborah L. Goldberg – Highland Park, Kevin M. Kane – Waukegan, Torrie M. Newsome – Waukegan***, Tara H. Ori – Waukegan, Gary L. Schlesinger – Libertyville***, Mark W. Simons – Waukegan, Perry Smith Jr. – Waukegan, Nancy Schuster Waites – Waukegan
Circuit 20 –	5	Jamie L. Bas – Swansea, Donald Bigham – Pinckneyville, David Cates – Swansea, Brendan F. Kelly – Belleville***, Robert C. Nelson – Belleville***

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Office and Term	No. to be elected	Incumbent(s)
Circuit 21 –	1	James L. Tungate – Watseka***
Circuit 22 –	3	Michael J. Chmiel – Woodstock***, H. Case Ellis – Crystal Lake, Robert C. “TJ” Thurston – Huntley
Cook County –	39	Kimberly J. Anderson – Chicago, Dennis J. Beninato – Chicago***, Sandra M. Blake – Oak Park***, Scott A. Blumenshine – Glenview, Gawain Charlton-Perrin – Chicago, Marisa T. Cipolla – Chicago, Gina Arquilla DeBoni – Chicago***, Karen M. Enright – Chicago, Michael V. Favia – Chicago, John L. Fioti – Bartlett***, Gail T. Friedman – Chicago***, Joseph M. Gagliardo – Chicago***, Robert L. Gamrath, III – Chicago***, Kelley A. Gandurski – Palos Heights, Gregg A. Garofalo – Chicago, Ava M. George Stewart – Chicago, Leslie A. Hairston – Chicago, Robert H. Hanaford – Chicago, Michael T. Huguelet – Orland Park***, Stephen Kehoe – Chicago**, Pamela J. Kuzniar – Chicago, James G. Las Cola – Chicago***, Brian P. Liston – Chicago***, Adela Casandra Lucchesi – Chicago***, Bryan Patrick Lynch – Chicago***, Raquel G. Martinez – Villa Park***, Mary L. Milano – Chicago, Daniel E. O’Brien – Chicago***, Kevin E. O’Reilly – Chicago, Robert T. Oleszkiewicz, Chicago**, Patrick J. Quinn – Chicago, Marni E. Richman – Chicago, Phillip J. Salerno, II – Chicago, Andrea M. Schleifer – Chicago, Julie Ann Sebastian – Chicago, Julia Jensen Smolka – Park Ridge, Alon Stein – Lincolnwood, Kevin T. Veugeler – Chicago, Zeophus J. Williams – Tinley Park

- <sup>1</sup> Eligible to run, but would only be entitled to serve two years  
<sup>\*</sup> Under the bylaws the third vice-president automatically succeeds to the office of second vice-president; therefore, there is no incumbent for this office.  
<sup>\*\*</sup> Ineligible to succeed due to age limitations  
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Ineligible to succeed due to term limitations

**LAW STUDENT MEMBERS – SPECIAL NOTE**  
 For the years 2005-2010, from each of the following thirteen law schools – IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, DePaul University College of Law, The John Marshall School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law, St. Louis University School of Law, University of Chicago Law School, University of Illinois College of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School, Valparaiso University School of Law, and Washington University School of Law – there shall be one law student member elected as a delegate to the Assembly.

To be eligible for election, delegates from each law school shall have completed at least one semester in law school prior to election. Delegates shall be elected for a term of one year and no delegate shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Notice of Election will be sent electronically to all ISBA law student members.

#### NOMINATION

Members who wish to be candidates for office must reside in the proper geographic jurisdiction, must meet other requirements for particular office, and must be in good standing with the ISBA at the close of the nominating period.

**Voting Address.** Bylaws Sec. 1.11 reads: For purposes of voting and candidacy for ISBA elected office, a member’s voting address shall be his or her primary legal office as designated by the member. If a member’s primary legal office is not within the state of Illinois, such member may designate their Illinois residence as their voting address; if no voting address is designated, the member shall be considered a non-resident.

Nominating petitions must be in writing and in the substantial form set forth in Para. 6.1. (See Election Policy Para. 6.1.) Printed copies of the nominating petitions are available upon request at the Office of the Executive Director, Illinois State Bar Association, 424 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62701. (Telephone toll free 800/252-8908, fax 217/525-0712 or email [jhibbs@isba.org](mailto:jhibbs@isba.org).)

Nominating petitions may be filed no earlier than January 15, 2010 and must be filed by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at either the Illinois Bar Center, 424 South 2nd Street, in Springfield or the ISBA Chicago Office at 20 S. Clark Street, 9th Floor, Chicago. Petitions must be physically submitted with original signatures. Petitions submitted via email or fax will not be accepted. (See Election Policy Para. 6.3.)

The ISBA Election Policy and Procedures, additional pertinent information and petition forms for each category of candidacy may be found on the ISBA website, either under “About >Leadership” or directly at [www.isba.org/leadership](http://www.isba.org/leadership).

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**By policy, a member’s dues must be paid by March 1, 2010 for the period ending June 30, 2010 in order to be eligible to vote in ISBA Elections.**

October 2009

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# What will your legacy be?

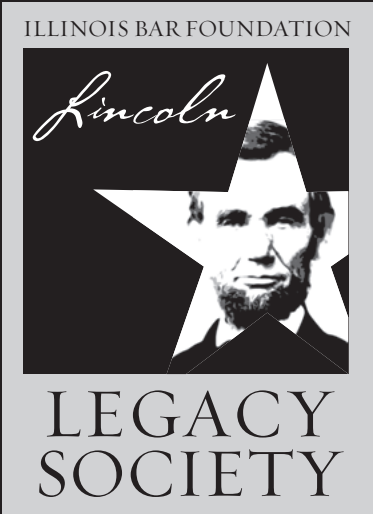
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# In a Recession . . . It's all about SURVIVAL

by **Peter LaSorsa**

*Solo Practitioner*

**M**any people see challenging times as reason for pause and fear. Challenging times however present great opportunities for solo practitioners and others who have control over advertising, rent, client selection and quality of life. Unemployment at 10%, a real estate market in turmoil and big corporations jettisoning many workers seems bleak at first blush. How an individual weathers this storm and even excels in this environment depends on several factors, the most important being your attitude and outlook.

When I was a Green Beret, we utilized the acronym **SURVIVAL** to guide us through tough situations. I believe that same acronym is helpful today.

**S**ize up the situation: you should have a yearly marketing and business plan. Remember the situation is fluid and you need to be flexible and update your marketing and business plan as the situation dictates. I suggest memorializing your plan and checking it monthly not only to change and update the plan but also to check the plan against a metric you have established. For example if you are spending \$1,000 a month on advertising and want a return on investment ("ROI") of 500%, check and see if you are making \$5,000 per month based on your advertising.

I moved 100% to online advertising and haven't looked back. The advantage of online advertising is I can cover the entire state of Illinois not just one or two counties.

**U**ndue haste makes waste: each day that you procrastinate is a day you may have missed out on a million dollar case. However, if you act too quickly you may be making bad decisions that take valuable resources away from advertising mechanisms that will reward you with that great case. During tough times you may be tempted to take a case for a small retainer where you normally would ask for a larger one. In your haste to obtain the client are you really costing yourself more than you are gaining?

**R**emember where you are: this is very important if lost behind enemy lines, but also very important for the practicing attorney. Remembering where you are doesn't just refer to a physical location but also where you are in terms of skill level, comfort level and where you are in terms of how profitable a certain concentration of the law is. It doesn't do any good to be a master of maritime law if there are no maritime law cases in your county and none coming through your door. Sit down and try to anticipate what types of cases are going to be in demand in the next three years. Are you in the position to benefit from this increase? Do you have a marketing plan to capture

these cases in the future? Are you taking CLE in a particular field to get yourself up to speed on relevant issues in that particular field?

**V**alue living: in a survival situation a good positive attitude and will to survive are crucial. The same can be said for the current situation in the business world. Don't forget you are in business, the legal business but still business. If you don't enjoy what you do daily, your clients will see and feel it and you will be miserable. If you don't value your current situation change it. Find something you like to do and do it. I started out as a corporate attorney and hated it. While most people would love to work for a major corporation and enjoy the benefits and cushy work hours, I found the work uninteresting and enjoy being a plaintiff's attorney and working for the little guy. I hated the non-stop meetings that seemed to get nothing more accomplished other than agreeing to schedule another meeting. I also found the politicking not my cup of tea. Once I left the corporate legal department, I found how enjoyable practicing law is with the ability to set my own hours, take cases I enjoy and the joy of helping the downtrodden. You must value the life you have carved out for yourself and if you are not enjoying it, change it. You are either part of the solution or part of the problem.

**I**mprovise: probably my favorite and what I believe to be the most important. The world is constantly changing and to be successful attorneys must change and adapt. There are many areas where a solo can save money without sacrificing quality or service. A good example is joining various bar organizations and taking full advantage of what they have to offer. The ISBA is a great organization plus has tremendous benefits. With membership you can utilize Fastcase for free to do your legal research. Get an estimate from Westlaw or Lexis for a year's subscription to see the savings. I use Fastcase and can conduct my research from home or the office and when I need to shepardize a case, I just go to the local law library and shepardize using their computer.

Another great benefit is the various sections you can join and get nominated for. This is a great way to network, get current on sustentative areas of the law through newsletters and help showcase yourself to potential clients by listing those memberships on your website. One way to help build your website and rank higher in the search engines is to update the website daily. A great way to update your website with relevant content is to write for the various sections of the ISBA. Once an article is published, you can reference that article on your website which helps separate you from other attorneys who have nothing published.

**V**anquish fear and panic: Making a decision while in a fearful mood will only result in a bad decision. During tough economic times it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking the worst about how successful you may be for the upcoming year. Just like in a survival situation in the wild, you must get a good grip on your mind and think nothing but positive thoughts. Positive thinking is not putting your head in the sand and ignoring the current state of things. But rather it is thinking positively about the outcome that can result from the current state of affairs.

**A**ct like the Natives: In this tough economy it may require that you take on a different type of case and that can often times leads to anxiety, stress and panic. When taking on new matters, act like the natives; that is do what others in that field do. For example the first time I argued a case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit I showed up at the courtroom and sat in on eight or nine appeals. I got there early and just observed things. I watched how the other attorneys acted, how they interacted with the Justices and the workings of the entire operation. When I arrived to argue my case, I had confidence and I knew what to expect procedurally. This was a big advantage as it allowed me to focus completely on my argument and the facts of the case.

**L**earn basic skills: In a survival situation you have to learn new skills to help you in whatever situation you find yourself. You may have to learn to weave in order to make rope from weeds or vines, or learn to make basic snares to catch food. This is no different for an attorney in a down economy. You need to learn new basic skills that will allow you to adapt to the new situation you find yourself in. The basic skill could be learning to update your own website, creating and maintaining a daily blog to increase traffic or learning how to take advantage of technology to cut costs.

Another basic skill that many attorneys forget about is the business end of the legal practice. In a down economy many companies will cut 10 or 15 percent across the board on expenses. Try taking your yearly expenses and cutting them by five or ten percent. There are always ways to cut expenses, try copying and printing less, save on travel with Priceline.com, shop around for more affordable CLE, use free research tools like Fastcase etc.

I hope this acronym helps you during these tough times. ♦

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# What Are Attorneys Talking About?

## Setting boundaries for clients

by **T. J. Thurston**

*Thurston Law Offices, P.C.  
Huntley, Illinois*

**Editor's note:** On one of ISBA's online discussion groups, members have been commiserating about dealing with difficult clients. The discussion prompted T.J. Thurston, a frequent participant, to develop rules and policies to govern his firm's relationship with clients. The following is an excerpt of Thurston's rules. **View the complete document at [www.IllinoisLawyerNow.com](http://www.IllinoisLawyerNow.com) and click on the category "Practice News."**

“The purpose of these rules and policies is to establish that our interactions shall be conducted with mutual respect of both our professional relationship and our personal lives. Violation of these rules or policies may result in termination of the attorney-client relationship.

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**Rule 8.** Many people do not understand hourly billing or why attorneys charge for their time. As Abraham Lincoln, a former lawyer, stated: “A lawyer's time and advice are his stock in trade.” Realize that attorneys have spent at least three years of graduate school, studied for at least one bar exam, have taken courses and seminars to improve their skills, and may have many years of experience to be able to provide you with professional advice.

**Rule 10.** It really doesn't matter that your third cousin knows an attorney who got your Great Aunt Melba's neighbor a huge settlement fifteen years ago. Every case is different and there is always the outside chance that the neighbor simply got lucky or had a great case.”

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Old State Capitol and Saturday Continental Breakfast. Springfield offers many activities for children and adults. More information about Lincoln sites and local activities is available on the conference Web site.

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The conference will be hosted at the **President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Convention Center** ([www.PresidentAbrahamLincolnHotel.com](http://www.PresidentAbrahamLincolnHotel.com)). The Hotel is located at 701 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. A limited number of rooms are blocked at the Hotel through Wednesday, September 30th at the conference rate of \$96 single/double per night. **Registrants must arrange for hotel accommodations directly with the hotel by calling toll free 866.788.1860 or 217.544.8800.** Be sure to ask for the ISBA rate.

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

7:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Illinois New Rules of Professional  
Conduct: A Comprehensive Overview  
*pre-registration required*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Fastcase: Introduction to Legal  
Research  
*pre-registration required*

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Fastcase: Introduction to Legal  
Research  
*pre-registration required*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Practice Management Software:  
Surviving the Malpractice Jungle –  
Using Practice Management Software  
to Find Your Way

**EEP** Client Interviews/Accepting  
and Rejecting Clients

**SL** Courtroom Demeanor: How to  
Behave in Court Without Irritating  
Judges

1:40 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Protecting Digital Goldmines:  
Safeguarding Your Network and  
Your Data

**EEP** Improving Communication/  
Presentation Skills In and Out  
of the Courtroom

**SL** Privacy Matters: Identity Theft  
and Data Security

3:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Websites: If I Build It,  
Will They Come? Can Websites  
Really Help My Practice?

**EEP** The Paperless Office for  
the Solo/Small Firm Attorney

**SL** Durable Powers of Attorney

4:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Using Technology to Build  
Malpractice Avoidance Procedures

**EEP** Improving Client Loyalty  
Through Exceptional Client Services

**SL** New Traffic/DUI Laws

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Reception with Exhibitors

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION:  
Making Your Case with  
a Better Memory  
Paul Mellor, *Success Links*,  
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10:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Tools and Techniques for  
Negotiating and Revising  
Electronic Documents

**EEP** Courtroom Confidence  
in Remembering Names

**SL** Landlord Tenant Laws

11:20 a.m. – 12:50 a.m.  
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Practice  
President Abraham Lincoln  
(portrayed by George Buss)

1:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**LT** Technology and Services That  
Every Lawyer Needs to Run the Office:  
Avoiding the Rocks and Shoals

Learn from and find out more about two of this year's conference presenters in the Illinois Bar Journal.



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**EEP** Managing Employees in a Law Firm: Reducing the Risk of Ethical Violations and Managing for Better Performance

**SL** Bankruptcy: Tips from the Bench

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL PROGRAM AT THE OLD STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Lessons in Professional Responsibility: Learned from the Illinois Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln – Part 1 [*Lincoln Master's Series Video CLE*]

*limited seating – pre-registration required*

**2:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** Scanning 101: How to Reduce Paper and Potential Malpractice Claims Using Existing Technologies

**EEP** Meeting the Needs of Clients for Diverse Representation

**SL** A Whirlwind Tour of Agricultural Law – Including Wind

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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Lessons in Professional Responsibility: Learned from the Illinois Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln – Part 2 [*Lincoln Master's Series Video CLE*]

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**3:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** The Ins and Outs of Online Social Networks: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and More

**EEP** IOLTA Accounts and Retainer Agreements

**SL** Mortgage Foreclosure: An Overview and Update

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**RECEPTION AT THE OLD STATE CAPITOL** Sponsored by ISBA Mutual Insurance Company. Entertainment by the Old State Capitol Chorale.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**  
Continental Breakfast

**7:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. REGISTRATION**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** Collaboration Tools: Paperless Communication with Clients

**EEP** Starting, Organizing and Running Your Own Practice in Tough Economic Times

**SL** Family Law: Personal Goodwill – What Is It? How Do You Separate It? MUM's the Word!

**9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** New Rules Help with E-Discovery: A Look at Recent Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and New Federal Rule of Evidence 502

**EEP** Avoiding Getting a Letter from the ARDC – And How to Respond if You Do

**SL** Real Estate: Saving Your Client's Home

**11:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.**  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** The Hidden Danger: How Failing to Understand Metadata and Redaction in Electronic Documents Can Ruin Your Day

**EEP** Making the Transition to Solo Practice and Representing Small Business Clients

**SL** How to Collect a Judgment

**12:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.**  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**LT** Using Free Tools to Investigate Case Parties

**EEP** Managing Stress in Tough Economic Times

**SL** Environmental Law Issues

Plenary speaker and memory expert Paul Mellor explains the importance of memory mastery in the August IBJ ([http://www.isba.org/ibj/2009/08/386\\_lawpulse.html#memory](http://www.isba.org/ibj/2009/08/386_lawpulse.html#memory)), and tech guru and Naperville lawyer Bryan Sims describes the four technology tools every solo needs in the September issue ([http://www.isba.org/ibj/2009/09/438\\_lawpulse.html#techtools](http://www.isba.org/ibj/2009/09/438_lawpulse.html#techtools)).

## ISBA Young Lawyers raise nearly \$10,000 at annual Golf Outing

**T**he 5th Annual Young Lawyers Division Golf Outing was held Sept. 1 at the Odyssey Golf Club in Tinley Park. The event raised nearly \$10,000 for the IBF/YLD Children's Assistance Fund.

Eighty-eight golfers and multiple sponsors supported the event, which has raised a total of \$65,000 for the fund over the past five years.



Above, a group of Young Lawyers participate in the 2009 Golf Outing.

Left, YLD Secretary Heather Fritsch, YLD Vice Chair Bob Fink, Golf Outing Co-Chair Michael Wong, YLD Chair Kelley Gandurski and Golf Outing Co-Chair Justin Heather at Golf Outing on Sept. 1 in Tinley Park.

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**John W. Donahue, Joliet, IL**  
Admitted 1970  
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**Paul F. Elward, Skokie, IL**  
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**Thomas W. Haney, Herrin, IL**  
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**Arent J. Jacobson, Evanston, IL**  
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Admitted 1953  
Date of Death: 8/21/09

**James R. Looman, Glencoe, IL**  
Admitted 1978  
Date of Death: 7/22/09

**W. Owen Mays, Quincy, IL**  
Admitted 1949  
Date of Death: 8/6/09

**Patricia S. McMeen, Carbondale, IL**  
Admitted 1982  
Date of Death: 5/24/09

**Thomas P. McNamee, East Dundee, IL**  
Admitted 1979  
Date of Death: 6/11/09

**Charles L. Michod, Sr., River Forest  
Chicago, IL**  
Admitted 1944  
Date of Death: 6/1/09

**Michael E. Morris, Colorado Springs, CO**  
(formerly Peoria)  
Admitted 1973  
Date of Death: 7/5/09

**Edward P. Morrissey, Chicago, IL**  
Admitted 1974  
Date of Death: 8/2/09

**Sandra Otaka, Chicago, IL**  
Admitted 1987  
Date of Death: 6/6/09

**Christ T. Panousis, East Moline, IL**  
Admitted 1967  
Date of Death: 8/16/09

**Lt. Col. Henry J. Plawer, Springfield, IL**  
Admitted 1976  
Date of Death: 5/21/09

**Simon S. Porter, Skokie, IL**  
Admitted 1953  
Date of Death: 8/13/09

**Darryl D. Pratscher,  
Springfield, IL**  
Admitted 1992  
Date of Death: 7/14/09

**John R. Provost, Henderson, NV**  
Admitted 1992  
Date of Death: 7/14/09

**Gerald C. Snyder, Jr., Lake Bluff, IL**  
Admitted 1962  
Date of Death: 6/16/09

**Fred Suria Jr., Chicago, IL**  
Admitted 1953  
Date of Death: 7/11/09

**Sanford E. Takiff, Glencoe, IL**  
Admitted 1960  
Date of Death: 7/9/09

**Evette Zells, Chicago, IL**  
Admitted 1983  
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The 2009 Joint Meeting will begin with a special program on Thursday – “Lincoln’s Legacy: Lawyers Who Protect Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”, sponsored by the Diversity Leadership Council – followed by our Opening Reception.

Friday will consist of a flurry of activity, including the ISBA/IBJ joint program and luncheon, section and committee business meetings, and the law school alumni receptions. We’ll cap off this spectacular day with a formal reception and dinner honoring the Supreme Court of Illinois, with the Hon. Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Chief Justice, as our featured speaker. The Meeting will conclude on Saturday following the ISBA Assembly meeting.

Once again we’re also offering a multitude of CLE programs in conjunction with the Joint Meeting through Winter CLE Fest—Chicago, where attendees can buy as much or as little MCLE as they need, earning up to 15 hours of MCLE credit. (See sidebar on page 20 for more information on Winter CLE Fest—Chicago.)

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## ISBA's Annual Winter CLE Fest

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Held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago on December 10-11 during the ISBA MidYear Meeting, the Fest includes these topics and more:

- Illinois' New Rules on Professional Conduct
- Illinois' New Laws for 2009-2010
- The Fundamentals of Social Security and Medicare
- Ethical Considerations for the Tort Lawyer
- Responding to ARDC Complaints
- New Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice Laws
- Trends in Lawyer Discipline: Issues Affecting the Legal Practice
- Managing Professional and Personal Challenges
- Striving for Balance in a High-Stress Job
- Adult Guardianship and Alternatives
- Family Law Essentials
- Family Law Case Law and Statutory Updates
- Local Government and Freedom of Information Act Issues

Seminars are slated for Thursday morning and throughout the day on Friday.

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.isba.org/cle/calendar.html](http://www.isba.org/cle/calendar.html)

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9/30/09

### Workers' Compensation - Back to Basics

This webcast contains the following segments from the original (date February 12, 2009) program: *Presenting Your Case to the Commission and Appellate Court and Initial Client Interview from the Respondent's and Petitioner's Point of View.*

10/8/09

### Real Estate Update – 2009

If you missed the live program on April 24, 2009, now is your chance to catch up on an excerpt from the original! Join us from the comfort of your home or office for an update on *Ethics for the Real Estate Professional in 2009.*

10/21/09

### Resolving Family Law Issues

This webcast, which contains an excerpt from the original program, includes two unique topics: *Prenuptial Agreements and The Danger of Boiler Plate Language in Marital Settlement Agreements.* The program was originally recorded in Chicago on March 13, 2009.

11/4/09

### Corporate Legal Ethics

If you missed the live program on May 15, 2009, then join us for an update on *Ethical Obligations in Corporate Compliance and Corporate Attorneys and the Duty to Report.*

11/11/09; 11/25/09; 12/2/09; 12/16/09

### Illinois' New Rules of Professional Conduct: An Initial Overview

Back by popular demand!! This one-hour webcast provides a brief overview of the new changes to the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and includes a discussion on how these changes will affect the practice of Illinois attorneys.

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## November (continued)

### 20 – Carbondale

#### Illinois' New Rules of Professional Conduct: A Comprehensive Overview

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### 2 – Online Course



#### Illinois' New Rules of Professional Conduct: An Initial Overview

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### October 16 (Friday, 9:00 a.m.) Chicago

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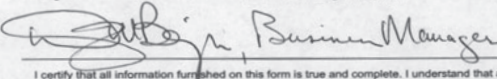


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