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**TV'S ART NORMAN HOSTS  
9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BARRISTERS BIG BAND BENEFIT BALL**  
*DINE AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AND HELP CHICAGO KIDS*

CHICAGO, ILL. (FEBRUARY 25, 2010) Join former NBC 5 newsman Art Norman for an evening of dining and dancing at the ninth annual Barristers' Big Band Benefit Ball, Saturday, March 13, at the Hilton Chicago's International Ballroom. All proceeds benefit the Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth program which supports local tutoring and mentoring programs.

A cocktail reception 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. are followed by dancing to jazz, swing and big band classics by Gershwin, Porter, Berlin, Ellington, Basie and more. And, you can take the spotlight in the annual dance contest, to be judged this year by Art Norman. The cost is \$200 per person and dress is black tie optional. To reserve your place, call 312.337.3617 or visit online at [www.lawyerslendahand.org](http://www.lawyerslendahand.org)

Every year, Lawyers Lend-A-Hand honors a humanitarian whose commitment to the cause of Chicago's children is ongoing. The 2010 honoree will be Jim Tyree, Chair and CEO of Mesirow Financial and Chair of Chicago Sun-Times Media.

Called a "Baron in the making" by *Businessweek* magazine, Chicago financier Tyree has led Mesirow since 1994 and has been at the helm of the Sun-Times Media since last October.

Additionally, he has served on more than 40 boards of directors ranging from the Regional Firm's Advisory Board of the NYSE to boards of many industrial and service companies. He is a life member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation board.

He is also the Chairman of the board of City Colleges of Chicago and on the boards of Illinois State University Foundation, Roosevelt University, Saint Xavier University and Marist High School. He earned his MBA and BA degrees from Illinois State University.

Tyrone C. Fahner of Mayer Brown LLP and Robert A. Clifford of Clifford Law Offices are the co-chairs of the fundraiser.