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## **FOUR TO RECEIVE BAR ASSOCIATION'S STEVENS AWARD -- HON. WILLIAM J. BAUER KEYNOTES AWARDS LUNCHEON**

CHICAGO, ILL. (August 26, 2009) The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) will honor four of Chicago's most respected lawyers at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Justice John Paul Stevens Awards luncheon Thursday, September 10, at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago. The 2009 Stevens Award recipients are Judge Marvin E. Aspen, Lawrence E. Kennon, Terence F. MacCarthy and Howard J. Trienens.

The awards, named for U. S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, a Chicago native, recognize "lawyers who have devoted themselves selflessly to others," according to CBA President Anita M. Alvarez. "In bestowing this award, the CBA looks for nominees who, like Justice Stevens, exemplify the highest personal integrity and devotion to public service."

A reception begins at 11:30 a.m. and the awards luncheon follows at noon. Tickets are \$65 per person and reservations are required. Call 312-554-2057 or e-mail [tdrees@chicagobar.org](mailto:tdrees@chicagobar.org).

The media is welcome at this event and should register by calling Linda Heacox at 312-554-2012.

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**HONORABLE MARVIN E. ASPEN**

Appointed by President Carter to the federal bench on July 24, 1979, Judge Aspen served as Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois from 1995 through 2002, at which time he assumed senior status. From 1971 through 1979, Judge Aspen served as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County of the State of Illinois, both in the criminal and civil law divisions.

Prior to his elevation to the bench, Judge Aspen was Head of the Appeals and Review Division, Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago, from 1963 to 1971. He was an Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County from 1960 to 1963. Following his graduation from Northwestern University School of Law in 1958, Judge Aspen clerked for the Judge Advocate General Section of the United States Army. During his years as a trial lawyer, Judge Aspen argued more than 100 cases to the Illinois Supreme Court, in addition to trying cases and running special prosecutions. He also proudly served his country in the Illinois National Guard and in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Judge Aspen's career demonstrates his lifelong commitment to pro bono work. He recently served as Chairperson for the Board of Directors of the Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law. Among other contributions, he has been a Member of the Cook County Board of Corrections, a Board Member of the John Howard Association, a Member of the Northwestern University Law Board, President of the Northwestern University School of Law Alumni Association, and a Member of the University of Chicago Law School Visiting Committee.

A native Chicagoan, Judge Aspen has been active in local as well as national, and international, legal organizations for decades. For the Chicago Bar Association, he has served as Chair of the FJC Director Search Committee, a Member of the Board of Managers, Chairman of the Criminal

Law Committee, and a Member of the Arbitration in Federal Courts Committee. He has held various leadership roles in the American Bar Association, including Member of the Board of Governors, Member of the House of Delegates, Member of the Journal Board and President of the American Bar Association Museum. He is also a past member of the Board of the Federal Judicial Center. Judge Aspen is currently a member of the International Judicial Relations Committee and has traveled to Bulgaria and Yugoslavia as part of the ABA's CEELI Program.

Over the past four decades, Judge Aspen has taught courses in evidence, criminal law, trial technique and municipal law at Northwestern University School of Law. He has also participated in programs at Oxford University in England, University of Cairo in Egypt, University of Bologna in Italy, University of Madrid in Spain, Nuremburg University in Germany, University of Malta, University of the Philippines, University of Zimbabwe, and the Handong International Law School in South Korea.

Judge Aspen was named the 1995 "Person of the Year" by *The Chicago Lawyer* magazine. He previously received the Northwestern University Alumni Association Award of Merit and the Center for Public Resources Award for Significant Practical Achievement for Excellence and Innovation for Alternative Dispute Resolutions and Dispute Management. He has received the American Judicature Society Herbert Harley Award for recognition of services in promoting the effective administration of justice and also an award from the National Center for Freedom of Information Studies.

#### LAWRENCE E. KENNON

Trial attorney Lawrence E. Kennon, Of Counsel to Power & Dixon, P.C., was born in Chicago on June 2, 1929. After graduating from DePaul University's College of Law in 1953 and serving in the United States Army, he began his practice in 1956.

After beginning as an assistant state's attorney, he left the office to practice criminal defense law. During the tumultuous "freedom movement" years of the 1950s and 60s, he began a civil rights practice. In that period, he represented many activists, including the NAACP, ACLU, Black Panthers, and African-American Patrolmen's League. His basic legal interests have been fighting police brutality and torture and supporting the equal right to assemble and to protest without harassment or arrest.

Kennon joined W. Elbert Washington, Charles Durham, Clarence Bryant and E. A. Hunter to form the law firm of Washington, Durham, Kennon, Bryant and Hunter in 1961. Later, the firm became Washington, Kennon, Hunter and Samuels the largest African American law firm in the country at that time.

Kennon has been an active leader, generously giving his time and expertise to both the legal community and the community at large. He served as co-chair for the Lawyers Committee to elect Harold Washington and as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Chicago during the Washington administration. He was also one of Mayor Washington's personal attorneys.

He has played a variety of roles in the Cook County Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and on the Attorneys Registration and Disciplinary Commission. He has also served on the Mississippi Project of the National Lawyers Guild, and as a panel member of the Roger Baldwin Project of the ACLU.

In the Chicago community, Kennon has served on the Boards of the Wiedbolt Foundation, the Donors Forum, the NAACP Legal Redress Committee, Project LEAP, and the Wabash YMCA. He has been a panel member for the Community Law Project of the Cook County Bar Association, general counsel for the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce, and a participant in the "We Care" role model program. A frequent lecturer on African American history, he is a member of the Round Table of African-American history.

Currently, Kennon serves on the Board of Directors of the South Side Community Art Center, the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights and the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago. He is a life member of the NAACP and active as an alumnus with the Gladstone Elementary School and Crane Technical High School.

#### TERENCE F. MAC CARTHY

Terence F. MacCarthy is Defender Emeritus of the Federal Defender Program in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. For 42 years, he served as the Executive Director. He received a B.A. in philosophy from St. Joseph's College in 1955, and a J.D. from DePaul Law School in 1960. He was a law clerk to former Chief Judge William J. Campbell of the United States District Court

for the Northern District of Illinois. He also served for several years as an Illinois Special Assistant Attorney General, specializing in civil trials and appeals.

His most notable civil trial and appellate success was winning back Kaskaskia, Illinois' original capital, from Missouri. MacCarthy has been active principally in the field of trial practice, in both criminal and civil matters. He has argued in the United States Supreme Court. His criminal experience is primarily in the federal courts where he has tried and appealed many cases, and worked with his staff attorneys in preparing and trying additional cases. MacCarthy is one of the nation's most sought-after speakers at continuing legal education programs, having lectured in all 50 states and over a dozen foreign countries.

He is the recipient of numerous honors, including special awards from both his undergraduate college and his law school. He received the University of Virginia Justice William Brennan Award, the Harrison Tweed Special Merit Award from the American Bar Association and the National Legal Aid and Defender's Association's Reginald Heber Smith Award. He has also received awards from, among other organizations, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, both the California and Illinois Attorneys for Criminal Justice, the ACLU, the National College of Criminal Defense, the Illinois State's Attorneys Association, the U.S. Army Trial Defense Services and the U.S.O. He was named "Defender of the Century" from the Federal Defenders Association in 2000. He received the Inns of Court Professionalism Award from the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Charles English Award from the ABA Criminal Justice Section in the same year. In 2002, he received the Laureate Award of the Illinois State Bar Association. In 2004, he received the Public Interest Award for Excellence from the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the United States District Court of Illinois. In 2006, he received the First Defender Award from First Defense Legal Aid. In July, 2007, he received from Northwestern University School of Law an award for his dedication to continuing legal education and his long-standing annual commitment to the Short Course Programs. In August, 2007, his long-awaited book "MacCarthy on Cross-Examination" was published by the ABA. In November, 2007, Stetson University College of Law named him the first recipient of the Lifetime Excellence in Advocacy Award. In February, 2008, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers honored him with its 2008 Champion of Justice Award.

A member of the ABA for over 30 years, MacCarthy has chaired the Criminal Justice Section and has served on its Council for over 20 years, seven as a Section representative in the House of Delegates. He served on the Board of Governors from 1997 to 2000.

## HOWARD J. TRIENENS

Howard J. Trienens, a partner and former chairman of Sidley & Austin LLP, practices corporate and litigation before courts and administrative agencies in antitrust, regulatory and other matters. He joined the firm as an associate in 1949. In 1950-52 he served as law clerk to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson of the U.S. Supreme Court. He returned to the firm in 1952 and has been a partner since 1956.

Trienens also became Vice President and General Counsel of AT&T in 1980 and retired as Senior Vice President and General Counsel in 1986. In announcing his retirement, AT&T stated that Trienens had played "a key role in disposing of antitrust litigation that developed in the wake of government policies that introduced competition into the telecommunications industry. He also was deeply involved in the restructuring of the Bell System and AT&T following the settlement of the Department of Justice suit." Trienens has served as a Director of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. and G. D. Searle & Co., and was Counsel to Northwest Industries and Lone Star Technologies, Inc.

In 1989, the partners of Sidley & Austin established The Howard J. Trienens Visiting Judicial Scholar Program at Northwestern in honor of Trienens' service to the firm and Northwestern. Trienens has been a member of the Northwestern University Board of Trustees since 1967 and chaired the board from 1986 to 1995. The Howard J. Trienens Visiting Scholar Program enables Northwestern Law to invite a leading jurist to the school for a few days to lecture and to provide students and faculty with a perspective on the judicial process and contemporary legal issues.

Trienens was educated at Northwestern University, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1945 and a juris doctor degree in 1949. He was editor in chief of the *Illinois Law Review*, and after graduating, taught a course in criminal law at the School of Law.

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