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CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION NAMES 2013 RECIPIENTS OF JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS AWARDS

CHICAGO, ILL. --The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) will honor four of Chicago's outstanding attorneys at the 14th annual John Paul Stevens Award Luncheon on Thursday, September 26, at The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago. There will be an 11:30 a.m. reception 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 Chicago native Justice John Paul Stevens, who retired from the United States Supreme Court in 2010, The Stevens Award recognizes lawyers and judges who have demonstrated outstanding character and commitment to community throughout their careers.

CBA President J. Timothy Eaton said, "In bestowing this award, the CBA looks for nominees who, like Justice Stevens, exemplify the highest personal integrity and devotion to public service."

About the Honorees

William F. Conlon

William Conlon is a partner at Sidley Austin LLP where he served for many years on the firm's Executive Committee and now serves as a member of Sidley's Office of General Counsel. He continues to handle complex financial litigation, corporate investigations, and matters involving corporate governance and professional responsibility.

After two years in the United States Army, Conlon served in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois where he handled civil and criminal trials and appeals and, for part of his tenure, served as Chief of the Civil Division. While serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, he tried criminal and civil cases. Since joining Sidley, he has tried both civil and criminal jury and bench trials throughout the country.

His civic commitment includes serving for eight years on the Glencoe Elementary School Board, five years on the Illinois State Board of Ethics, and five years as Chairman of the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. He also served on the CBA Board of Managers and is currently privileged to serve as the President of the Chicago Bar Foundation. A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, he currently serves as the College's Upstate Illinois Chair.

Earlier this year, with other Chicago members of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Bob Glaves, Executive Director of the Chicago Bar Foundation, Conlon led the initiative to establish a combined American College of Trial Lawyers/Chicago Bar Foundation trial skills program for public service lawyers. He also serves on the Board of the Civic Consulting Alliance, a group dedicated to making the City more livable, affordable and globally competitive. In 2011, he was appointed by Mayor Emanuel to the Police Board of the City of Chicago.

Conlon is an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University School of Law. He is recognized in *Chambers USA 2013* in "Litigation: General Commercial." He is also recommended in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013-2014* for "Bet-the-Company Litigation," "Commercial Litigation and Litigation Banking-Finance."

In 2009, he was the CBA recipient of the Vanguard Award in recognition of his active support of increasing diversity in the legal profession.

He earned his B.A. from Indiana University and his J.D. from University of Illinois College of Law.

Hon. William H. Hooks

Judge William Hooks has been on the bench in the felony Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County since 2008, when he was appointed to fill a county-wide vacancy. Cook County voters elected him to a six-year term in 2010.

In 1995, Judge Hooks retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S Marine Corps after a 20-year military career. In the Marines, he served in various positions in the Signals Intelligence/Electronic Warfare and Marine Judge Advocate fields.

As a lawyer and now as a judge, he has received many honors, including being named one of "Chicago's 30 Toughest Lawyers" by *Chicago Magazine*. He is also the author of a chapter in the IICLE (2007 Supp) publication entitled "Defending Illinois Criminal Cases." He is currently a Fellow in the National Resource Judge Program, Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR), funded by the U.S Justice Department.

Judge Hooks has taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law; DePaul University College of Law; and the University of Chicago School of Law. He formerly served as Commissioner of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and currently sits as a Commissioner on the Illinois Courts Commission, the final appellate tribunal for judicial discipline. He also serves on the Illinois Supreme Court's Criminal Law and Probation Administration Committee, as well as the Executive Committee of the Illinois Judicial Conference. In 2011, the Judge was appointed to the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council. In 2012, he chaired the dedication of the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Throughout his career, Judge Hooks has been active with several bar associations. He is a former president of the Cook County Bar Association; the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; and is a member of the Lawyers Club of Chicago. He currently sits on the Executive Board of the Illinois Judicial Council as its President-elect. He is also on the Executive Board of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

He earned his B.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice from DePaul University and his J.D. from Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law. Judge Hooks is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Hon. Warren Wolfson

Judge Warren D. Wolfson joined the DePaul University College of Law faculty in July 2011, after serving as interim dean of the College of Law for two years. While dean, he worked with the faculty to help establish DePaul's Institute of Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, which guides curricular areas including dispute resolution and mediation, litigation skills and trial advocacy, field placement and moot court.

He brings a wealth of expertise garnered through a legal career that includes nearly 34 years on the bench and extensive academic experience. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1975, elected to a full term in 1976, and was retained in that position for five consecutive terms. In 1994, he was assigned to the Illinois Appellate Court, 1st District, where he served until joining DePaul. Prior to his career on the bench, he spent 18 years in criminal defense practice.

Judge Wolfson, co-author of *Trial Evidence* (5th ed., Aspen Publishers 2012) and *Materials in Trial Advocacy* (7th ed., Aspen Publishers 2011), also established and directed the highly respected trial advocacy program at Chicago-Kent College of Law from 1971 to 2009. During that time, he taught evidence and an advanced evidence seminar. Before joining Chicago-Kent, Judge Wolfson taught trial advocacy for 15 years at the University of Chicago and lectured for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He has also been very involved in judicial training programs for many years.

He earned his B.S. from University of Illinois, Chicago, and his LL.B. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Hon. Diane P. Wood

Judge Diane Wood serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and is a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School.

A New Jersey native, her family relocated to Texas when she was a child. She began her career clerking for Judge Irving Goldberg of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals from 1975 to 1976 and for Associate Justice Harry Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1976 to 1977. Judge Wood was among the first women to clerk at the Supreme Court.

After working in private practice and the executive branch, she became the third woman ever hired as a law professor at the University of Chicago Law School. She was nominated to the Seventh Circuit by President Clinton in 1995.

In recent years, the judge has been a leading candidate for nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Obama. She was considered to be on the short list in both 2009 (for Justice Souter's seat) and 2010 (Justice Steven's seat).

Judge Wood earned her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1971 and her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1975, where she was an editor of the *Texas Law Review*. She graduated with high honors and Order of the Coif, and was among the first women at the University of Texas admitted as a member of the Friar Society.

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