

CBA NEWS

Eight Leaders to be Honored with Stevens Awards

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Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens will join the Chicago Bar Association as it honors eight outstanding attorneys at the 16th annual John Paul Stevens Award Luncheon, Tuesday, October 13, at The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court.

This year's honorees include Peter J. Birnbaum, President and CEO of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc.; James R. Figliulo, founding partner, Figliulo & Silvermen P.C.; Edward I. Grossman, co-founder and Executive Director of the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.; Illinois Appellate Court Justice Shelvin Louise Marie Hall; Paula H. Holderman, Chief Attorney Development Officer, Winston & Strawn; Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director of Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center; Daniel E. Reidy, partner, Jones Day; and William A. Von Hoene, Jr., Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Exelon Corporation.

CBA President Patricia Brown Holmes said, "These honorees share with Justice Stevens standards of the highest personal integrity and devotion to public service. We are thrilled that he will join us as we honor them with this award given in his honor."

Named for Chicago native Stevens, who retired from the High Court in 2010, The Stevens Award recognizes lawyers and



Birnbaum



Figliulo



Grossman



Hall



Holderman



McCarthy



Reidy



Von Hoene

judges who have demonstrated outstanding character and commitment to community throughout their careers.

The Recipients

Serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG) since 1991, **Peter Birnbaum** has led his company through its development into a leading lawyer service organization with annual revenues in excess of \$100 million.

In 2014, he received the Illinois Bar Foundation Distinguished Award for Excellence. In 2011, Birnbaum was also inducted as a Laureate in the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois State Bar Association. In 2013, he received the Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award for promot-

ing diversity in the profession. He received the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Lend A Hand Foundation "Making a Difference" award. He is currently president of the Jesse White Foundation and is leading the effort to build the Jesse White Community Center.

Birnbaum is a frequent author and interviewee in dozens of regional and national newspapers and trade publications, including: *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Illinois Bar Journal*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, and many other real estate and legal trade publications. He is a frequent expert interviewed as an expert on news broadcasts. He has testified in the U.S. Congress, the Illinois Senate, and the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee. He speaks to audiences from legal or real

Tickets to the Stevens Award luncheon are \$70 per person. RSVP to tdrees@chicagobar.org or 312/554-2057.

estate trade associations across the country.

In January 2004, Birnbaum was appointed a judge to the seven-member Illinois Court of Claims. The Court hears cases *en banc* and rules on claims against the State. He was appointed Chief Justice in 2015 by Governor Bruce Rauner.

A founding partner at Figliulo & Silverman P.C., **Jim Figliulo** is a trial lawyer who practices in business-related litigation. He was recently honored by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* as one of the “Ten Attorneys Who Raised the Bar” in Illinois for making extensive contributions to the legal profession in the last decade. He has also been featured in *Leading Lawyers’ 2009* “Business Litigation” edition.

Figliulo served as president of the 7th Circuit Bar Association in 2005-06. He also served as co-chair of the 7th Circuit American Jury Project with Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He has chaired and served as a member of Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection and Review Panels for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for 10 years.

A co-founder of the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc. in 1981, **Edward Grossman** has been serving as its Executive Director since 1985. In this capacity, he has provided legal services in Southeast Chicago, Pilsen, Austin and the downtown areas, serving over 375,000 people.

The St. Louis native is active in several bar associations including the Federal Bar Association, the Chicago Bar, the Illinois Trial Lawyers and the Federal Trial Bar. He is an arbitrator of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and a special commissioner for the Federal Courts—Northern District of Illinois.

Grossman is a charter member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Agency/Court Related Senior Citizens Issues and co-authored the Illinois Senior Citizens Bill of Rights, the first bill of its kind in the United States, which was adopted by Illinois Legislature in 1993.

Justice **Shelvin Louise Marie Hall** was the first African-American female Chair of the Executive Committee of the First District, Illinois Appellate Court. After training in Civil Rights Law by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational

Fund, Inc., she entered private practice in Houston. She spent six years in the firm she founded with four others, which was the first all-black, all-female law firm in the country. In 1980, she went to Washington, D.C. as Legislative Director to U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland (D-TX). In 1982, she returned to her hometown of Chicago to serve as General Counsel to the Illinois Department of Human Rights, where she directed a staff of 12 attorneys and six administrative personnel.

Hall was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1991 and was assigned to the Domestic Relations Division. In 1992, she was elected to a six-year term. In 1995, she joined the Law Division, presiding over civil jury trials. She was retained for a second six-year term in November of 1998. The Illinois Supreme Court then assigned her to a two-year term as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. She was elected to a full 10-year term on the Court in November 2000 in a contested race, and was retained for a second 10-year term in November of 2010. She has served as Presiding Justice of both the First Division and Fourth Division of the First District Appellate Court, on the Mediation Committee and as Chair of the Court’s Executive Committee.

As Winston & Strawn’s Chief Attorney Development Officer, **Paula Holderman** has global responsibility for the firm’s professional development and all facets of attorney education, careers and training. She has been a trial lawyer, educator and leader throughout her 36 year legal career.

Holderman was the 2013-14 President of the 32,000 member Illinois State Bar Association. She is only the fourth woman to be elected president of the organization in its 140 year history. She served on the ISBA Board of Governors and its Assembly for more than 25 years. She served as president of the bi-partisan lobbying organization, LAW PAC and on the Illinois Bar Foundation Board of Directors for 16 years.

She currently serves on the Chicago Bar Foundation Board; the ISBA Mutual Insurance Company Board; the John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees, and the Illinois Supreme Court MCLE Board. She is also the elected Illinois State Delegate to

the ABA House of Delegates where she has served since 2010.

Mary Meg McCarthy has served as Executive Director of the Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) since 1997, where she leads a legal services program providing counsel and representation to 10,000 low income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers each year. Prior to joining the NIJC, she was an attorney at Horvath and Lieber, P.C. where she was a civil litigator, representing individuals and corporations in Federal and state court in Title VII lawsuits, professional liability lawsuits, breach of contract, and general litigation. In 1989, she served a law clerk externship to the Illinois Human Rights Commission serving Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer.

McCarthy is an active member of the American Bar Association, where she chairs the Commission on Immigration. She is also a member of the Working Committee on Migrant Children and Youth, Midwest Coalition for Human Rights, Steering Committee Member, Migrant Children’s Defense Collaborative, Founding Member, The Chicago Network.

Daniel Reidy is a partner at Jones Day practicing in corporate criminal investigations, business and tort litigation, securities litigation and SEC enforcement, health care, antitrust and competition law.

Reidy represents companies and individuals involved in criminal and other enforcement investigations. Dan also represents companies in complex civil litigation of all kinds, including patent, product liability, securities, False Claims Act, antitrust, post-acquisition, labor and employment, and commercial disputes.

He served as Law Clerk to Judge Walter J. Cummings, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit in the 1974 term and as First Assistant U.S. Attorney (1985-1987) and Assistant U.S. Attorney, before joining Jones. As a prosecutor and ultimately as first assistant in the Chicago U.S. Attorney’s Office, he focused on matters involving allegations of complex financial crimes. He was the lead prosecutor in the “Greyford” judicial corruption project and

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