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Ottawa Attorney to Receive State Bar Award

Michael T. Reagan, an attorney from **Ottawa**, is the recipient of the Matthew Maloney Tradition of Excellence Award by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Council. He will receive the award at the ISBA's 133rd Annual Meeting in Fontana, Wis., on Friday, June 26.

The 37-year legal career of Michael Terence Reagan, a partner in the LaSalle County law firm of Herbolsheimer, Lannon, Henson, Duncan & Reagan, has included bar leadership roles and practice before the Illinois Supreme Court, every district of the Illinois Appellate Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Few professional challenges he has faced will have been as daunting, or as potentially rewarding, as being inaugural chair of the Illinois Meth Project. Spearheading an effort to reduce the first-time use of methamphetamine is a tall order for Reagan. The number-one drug problem in Central and Southern Illinois, three-fourths of people in treatment for methamphetamine use were hooked on the drug by the time they were age 17. The advisory committee, which includes Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White, has begun an intense public service campaign of media messaging and community outreach.

Active in the organized bar as an adjunct to his practice, Reagan chaired the ISBA Tort Law Section Council in 1988-89 and was president of the Appellate Lawyers Association in 1995-96. He also was co-chair of the ISBA Special Committee on Appellate Practice and a member of the steering committee for the Conference on the Future of the Illinois Courts.

The Supreme Court tapped Reagan for service on the Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions from 1985 to 1995, and he continued as the committee's reporter until 2003. He also was a member of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Unpublished Opinions (Rule 23).

The award was renamed last year in honor of Matthew Maloney, a posthumous recipient of the award who was active in the ISBA's General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section.

The 35,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

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