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Former Princeton Attorney to Receive State Bar Award

Former **Princeton**, Illinois, attorney Matthew Alexander Maloney, who passed away December 25, 2007, at age 62, has been named the posthumous recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Council. He will receive the award posthumously at the ISBA's 132nd Annual Meeting in St. Louis on Friday, June 27.

A member of the ISBA's General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Council since 1995, and its chair in 2006-07, Maloney served on the ISBA's Assembly from 1996 to 1999.

The Bureau County public defender from 1982 to 1992, he asked the ISBA Board of Governors in 1991 to support his attempt to obtain adequate funding from the county board as required by statute. Then a member of the Criminal Justice Section Council, he chaired the Special Committee on Public Defender's Office from 1996 to 1999. He served on the Committee on Legislation from 1995 until his death.

A 1973 graduate of the St. Louis University Law School who had a master's degree in history, Maloney was a partner in Pierson, Maloney & Rayfield and a resident of **Wyanet**.

In its recommendation of Maloney for the Tradition of Excellence Award, the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Council wrote that he embodied what the award represents: excellence, general practice, and small firm practice.

"Matt exhibited passion, zealous advocacy and personal service to the profession and to the bar," said section council vice chair Julie Ann Sebastian. "He worked his entire life as an Illinois lawyer and gave generously of his time to the ISBA, among other bar associations," she added, noting Maloney's contributions to the success of the annual Solo and Small Firm Conference.

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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