

**Assembly**

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Elections**

## **Katherine A. Amari O'Dell**

Katherine A. Amari O'Dell is a senior associate with The Law Offices of Amari & Locallo with a practice confined exclusively to handling real estate tax assessment and related matters for commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential property owners in Illinois and on a national basis.

Katherine graduated from The John Marshall Law School in 2000 and is a Past President of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association. The Alumni Association also awarded her The Distinguished Service Award in May of 2006. Its Board of Trustees recognized her significant contributions to the school with its prestigious Spirit Award earlier this year at a reception in April.

Katherine began her career at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in the real estate tax department of the Civil Division. She defended cases for the Cook County Treasurer's Office, the Cook County Clerk's Office, the Cook County Board of Review and the Cook County Assessor's Office, including Specific Objection lawsuits, Property Tax Appeal Board cases, Indemnity lawsuits as well as tax sale and tax deed matters.

Katherine is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, serving her third elected term as a member of the ISBA General Assembly. Katherine is the past President of the Justinian Society of (Italian) Lawyers. Katherine began her membership with the Justinian Society in 2001, as a second year law student. She is also the associate editor of the Society newsletter.

In 2007, Katherine was selected by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company as one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch."

Katherine is married to Jason E. O'Dell. They live in Chicago and are the proud parents of Jason Jr., age 4.