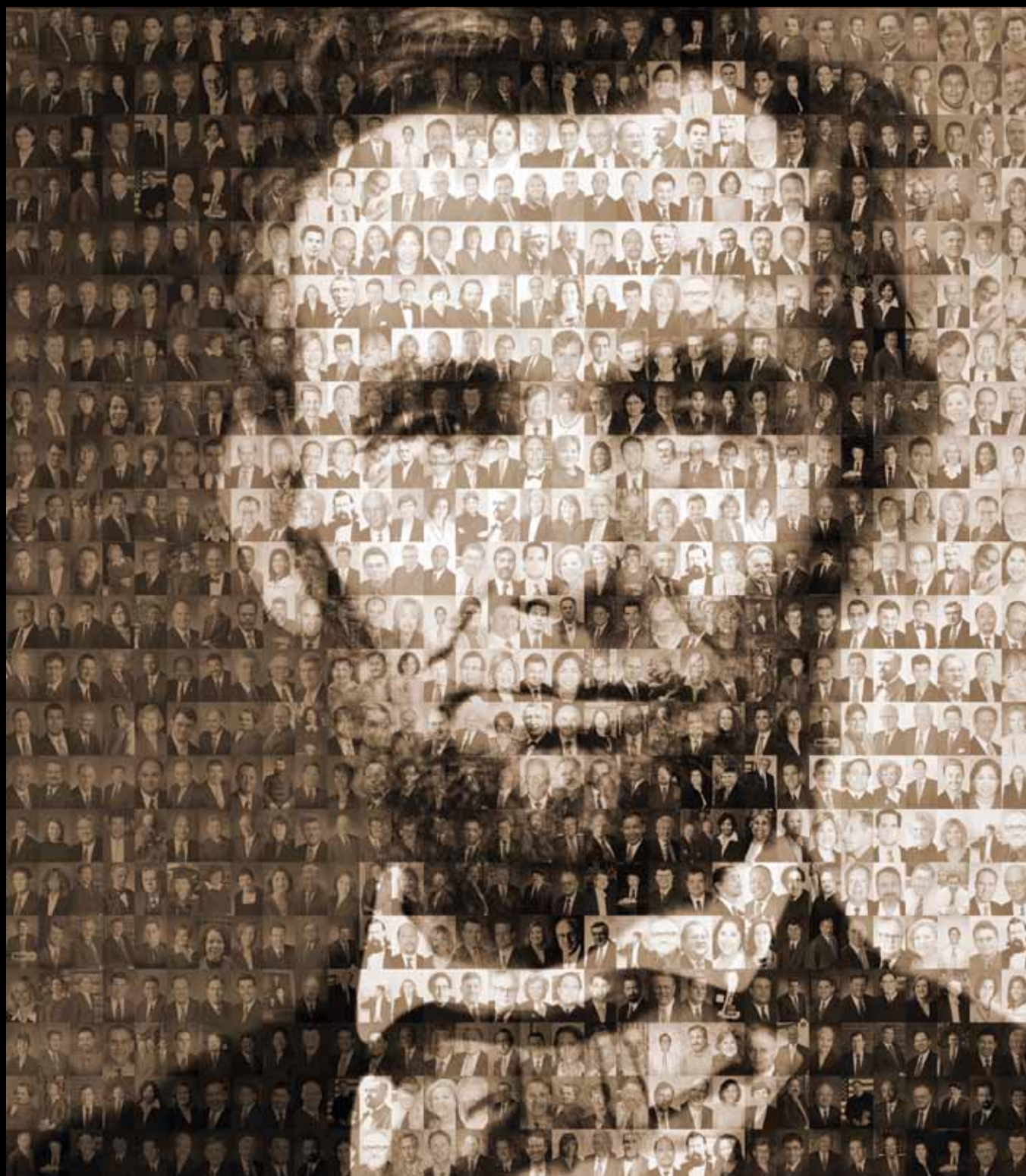


ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



Welcome to the Bar NEW ADMITTEES

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Welcome

Congratulations on your admission!



As a newly admitted attorney, we'd like to start your career off in the right direction.

Your first year of membership in the ISBA is free,
including FREE Basic Skills/MCLE programs and FREE online legal research.

We also will provide you with career assistance, mentorship opportunities, ethical guidance, daily case digests, informative publications, and so much more.



**The ISBA is your Practice Resource Partner.
We find solutions to your legal practice challenges.**

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Your Lifelong Partner In The Profession



JOB CHANGE IS A NATURAL LIFE PROGRESSION.

Most studies show that the average job-seeker will change jobs several times over the course of his or her lifetime. Although your practice or setting may change, the Illinois State Bar Association will be there for you throughout your career. As a member of the ISBA, you are a part of a much larger network of colleagues dedicated to helping one another practice more efficiently and profitably while upholding the ideals of the profession.

"When you begin your professional career, you think there isn't enough time to get involved. But being involved in an organization like the ISBA gives you an aspect of professional development that you are not going to get just working in a law firm. It makes you a more well-rounded person and allows you to give back to the community and the profession."

Former YLD Chair Franco Coladipietro
(Amari & Locallo, Bloomingdale)
MEMBER SINCE 1993

"The feeling that you are part of something bigger than yourself and bigger than your own community as a profession. That's important. You can get caught up in the minutia or stress of what we do as lawyers and not realize that we are part of a bigger movement which is what the Bar is about. When you... have just gotten out of law school, you don't necessarily appreciate that. The earlier you learn that, the more effective you can be in the development of your career."

Former YLD Chair David C. Thies
(Shareholder at Webber & Thies, P.C., Urbana)
MEMBER SINCE 1980



THROUGHOUT YOUR LEGAL CAREER, ISBA WILL SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSIONAL NEEDS.





A Community Of Future Leaders Of The Profession



YOUR ADMISSION TO THE BAR MARKS THE START OF YOUR LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

The Illinois State Bar Association, through its Young Lawyers Division (YLD), is dedicated to helping you meet your responsibilities as a lawyer.

All ISBA members under age 36 are automatically enrolled in the YLD. In addition, those admitted 5 years or less are also members of the YLD. There you will find a forum in which you can interact with lawyers who share similar experiences. The YLD sponsors a wide range of networking and social events, volunteer activities, leadership opportunities, and educational programs throughout the state.

"The YLD is the only network for young lawyers to participate in statewide leadership and training activities. Since my days in the YLD, I've become the Chair of several legal organizations and Boards. I owe much of my success to the experience I gained through my participation in the ISBA as a young lawyer. Most importantly, I met and married my husband while we served on the YLD Board!"

Former YLD Chair Hon. Diane Winter
(Circuit Judge, 19th Judicial Circuit, Waukegan)
MEMBER SINCE 1982

"If you look at the leaders of the ISBA, at least half of them came from the YLD. The role of the YLD, whether by purpose or not, has been to develop future leaders. Network and get out there. These are the people you practice with, and these are the people you are going to think of for passing on business or offering a job."

Former YLD Chair Gregg Garofalo
(Managing attorney and owner of
Garofalo Law Group, Chicago)
MEMBER SINCE 1999



THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU MAKE BY BEING INVOLVED IN THE YLD WILL LAST YOUR ENTIRE CAREER.





Practice Resources To Help Your Career

YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION DIDN'T END WITH LAW SCHOOL.

The law is always evolving, new legislation is constantly passed, and emerging technologies change how we practice. ISBA membership provides you with the education and tools you need to successfully meet those challenges.



Included with your ISBA membership are the following:

FREE CLE

Enough to satisfy your 15-hour Illinois Supreme Court* newly admitted attorney MCLE requirement, including a 6-hour Basic Skills course and/or mentoring program. (*Rule 793) *Thereafter, we will continue to provide you with 15 hours of free online CLE every year, enough to meet the Illinois Supreme Court CLE Requirement over a 2-year period.*

FREE ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH

Unlimited access to the Fastcase Premium-Plan Library, including a 50-state and federal caselaw database, including bankruptcy cases, and Illinois cases dating back to the early 1800s. *Benefit brought to you by ISBA Mutual Insurance Company*

MENTORSHIP

An approved partner in the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism's Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, we can pair you up with an experienced mentor who will provide guidance in your first years of practice.

DAILY CASE DIGESTS

The latest case digests of Illinois Supreme, Appellate and Seventh Circuit court are sent daily via *E-Clips*, our e-bulletin, along with legal news and legislative updates. *(Email address required.)*

CAREER ASSISTANCE

Search for jobs, submit a confidential resume, and receive *Job Alerts* via the Career Center. Find new clients through our Illinois Lawyer Finder lawyer referral service.

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Search our repository of online content via the Practice Resource Center. Receive personal ethics assistance through the Ethics InfoLine or search our database of Ethics Opinions. Learn how to start, buy or market a law practice at the Solo & Small Firm Conference. Access discounts on practice-oriented technology – like practice management software, cloud backup, web design/hosting and credit card processing – via Practice Tech Resources. Get peer-to-peer assistance through e-discussion groups. Access members-only malpractice insurance through Illinois Mutual Insurance Company. Use the ISBA Member Mark on your business cards, website and more.

SUBSTANTIVE LAW & LEGAL NEWS PUBLICATIONS

Monthly delivery of our award-winning periodical the *Illinois Bar Journal*, quarterly delivery of *Illinois Lawyer Now Quarterly* and weekly delivery of *Illinois Lawyer Now Weekly*.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

Automatic enrollment in this group that serves as a resource for young lawyers practicing in Illinois to develop, enhance and foster a balanced professional life. Quarterly delivery of the YLD newsletter included.

Choose 2 additional substantive law sections to join for free as well.

A complete list of ISBA member benefits can be found online at

WWW.ISBA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP



Getting Started

Requirements & Benefits Activation



AS A NEW ADMITTEE...

- **YOU ARE REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT (RULE 793)**

to complete a Basic Skills Course &/OR Mentoring, plus additional hours to equal 15 hours of MCLE credit. **Fulfill your requirement for free through the ISBA.** ISBA's free and flexible options help you satisfy the requirement through combinations of our 6-hour Basic Skills Course, our 6-hour Mentoring Program, and the programs in our FastCLE online "Free CLE Channel." **Learn more at WWW.ISBA.ORG/CLE/NEWADMITTEES**

- **YOUR ISBA MEMBERSHIP IS FREE & AUTOMATIC**

But you will still need to complete the New Admittee Membership Form, including your email address. **Once completed, ISBA will activate your Member Benefits** including E-Clips, our daily case digest; access to Fastcase, free online legal research; section newsletter delivery; and more. **Complete the New Admittee Membership Form online at WWW.ISBA.ORG/NEWADMITTEES**

In the coming months, we will be sending you additional information about topics of interest to new lawyers and corresponding ISBA member benefits. Please keep an eye out for these mailings and add them to your folder.

If you have any questions about your ISBA membership, please contact us at our Springfield office. Contact information is located on the business card included in this folder.

We invite you to visit the ISBA website where you can log on as a member using your last name and membership ID (located on the enclosed Membership Card) to access members-only areas of the Website and sign-up for member benefits.

We look forward to helping you throughout your legal career!

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"Prairie Lawyer – Master of Us All"

Bronze Bust Sculpture

*Dedicated to the Citizens of Illinois by the members of the Illinois State Bar Association.
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THE UNFINISHED WORK

Remarks made during the ceremony on January 12, 2009 by former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois, Honorable Thomas R. Fitzgerald

It all began with a tragic event. A black man in an adjoining state had been given his freedom – and within a few hours – an angry mob beat him severely and then they chained him to a tree – and then, while he was still alive, they set him on fire.

Men and women of good will across the nation were outraged. Including a young lawyer here in Springfield, Illinois. He was a tall, lanky 29-year-old man from New Salem. He had just been admitted to practice law two years earlier.

His name was Abraham Lincoln.

He had been invited to give a speech at an institution known as the Springfield Lyceum. He was outraged by what had just happened. Listen closely – can you hear his voice?

"There is no grievance for which mob law is either necessary, justifiable or excusable," he said.

"Never violate in the least particular, the laws of the country and never tolerate their violation by others," he said.

"Let reverence for the law . . . be taught in schools . . . and in colleges".

"Let it be preached from the pulpit . . . and enforced in the courts of justice."

"Let it become the political religion of the nation."

Lincoln's reverence for the law characterized his nearly 25 years as a member of the Illinois bar.

He represented both great corporations and ordinary people. He met the legal needs of his clients – without fear or favor. As an advocate, he sometimes represented clients with whom he strongly disagreed. He sometimes won. He sometimes lost. He sometimes got paid. He sometimes did not.

But throughout it all, his reverence for the law was undiminished – and his pride in his profession continues to inspire those who follow after him.

In July of 1850, he prepared notes for a lecture on how to be a good lawyer. Listen closely – can you hear his words?

"Never stir up litigation," he said. "There will still be business enough."

"Resolve to be honest," he said, "and if in your own judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer."

For nearly 25 years, he rode the circuit – struggling to provide equal justice for all.

The lawyers of Illinois are the rightful heirs of those struggles – and we reaffirm our willingness to assume those burdens – part of what Lincoln called the unfinished work.

We do so as proud sons and daughters of the Land of Lincoln. We do so - because if we listen closely – we can hear his voice:

"It is for us the living . . . to be dedicated . . . to the unfinished work," he said.

"With malice toward none and charity to all," he said.

"Touched . . . by the better angels of our nature."