



**ILLINOIS STATE
BAR ASSOCIATION**

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Dear New Admittee,

Your legal education did not end when you graduated from law school. It is just beginning. When I was in your shoes, I had no idea that bar organizations were so vital to my career, and fun.

The ISBA, has been an indispensable part of my continuing legal education. From traditional CLE – seminars, print and electronic publications, the ISBA provides these resources in abundance.

But there's much more than that. Through ISBA e-mail discussion groups, I have met lawyers from around the state. On bar committees, I have made lifelong friendships that have helped me grow personally and professionally.

Simply put, I would not be the lawyer I am today had I not joined the bar and sought an active role. I urge you to do the same. It will be one of the best career decisions you will ever make.

One last piece of advice: don't be afraid to reach out to your more experienced colleagues. People helped us, and we are there to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Locallo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

John G. Locallo
ISBA President