

Paul A. Osborn is a partner in the Sterling firm Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C., which is a regional firm representing corporations, municipalities, hospitals, banks, school districts and individuals in northwest Illinois. Paul has been with the firm since graduating from the University of Illinois School of Law in 1980. His undergraduate degree is a BSIM (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management) from Purdue University in 1977. His practice is split between family law and transactional law emphasizing banking and bankruptcy. He has served for 10 years on the ISBA Commercial, Banking and Bankruptcy Section Council chairing the Council in 2000-2001. During his tenure on that Section Council, he was a frequent seminar speaker, including presentations at several programs on Revised Article Nine of the Commercial Code. In 2012, ISBA President, John Theis, reappointed Paul to the Commercial, Banking and Bankruptcy Section Council and the Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education for the 2012-2013 year. Additionally, in the last year, Paul accepted an appointment to the Solo & Small Firm Conference Committee.

Mr. Osborn has also served the ISBA as a member of the Family Law Section Council and is currently that Council's liaison to the Continuing Legal Education Committee. Paul has presented CLE programs for Family Law Section Council seminars in Lake Geneva, Bloomington, Rockford, Chicago, Collinsville, New Orleans and in March of 2012 in Peoria. Topics include: Nuts and Bolts of Divorce Trials, Creative Drafting to Avoid Post-Decree Hell; Trial Tips on Examining Opposing Parties; The Impact of the Bankruptcy Reform Act on Family Law; Enforcement of Child Support Orders, Divorce Law for Agriculture Lawyers, Initial Interview Techniques, Post-Majority Educational Expenses and Enhancing Business and Minimizing Accounts Receivable. He has also been a presenter for the ISBA Basic Skills Course for New Admittees each year since its inception. His résumé also includes presentations for the Real Estate Section and Agriculture Law Section on bankruptcy and divorce issues.

Mr. Osborn is in his 13th year on the Continuing Legal Education Standing Committee, which he chaired from 2007 to 2009. He also served on the ISBA Task Force on MCLE and is a member of the ISBA Commercial, Banking and Bankruptcy Section Council, which he chaired in 2000-2001 and the American Bankruptcy Institute. His CLE programs on bankruptcy topics include Real Estate in Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy for Divorce Lawyers, Revisions to Article 9 and Banking Law Updates. He was also appointed by past ISBA President John Locallo to the special committee on membership enhancement.