

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment:

Executive Director of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center
January 2013 - present

Legal Director of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center
October 1992 – December 2012

Partner at Martin, Brown, Sullivan & Bowman, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois
March 1992 - October 1992

Partner at Silets & Martin, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois
July 1990 - March 1992

Associate at Silets & Martin, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois
August 1988 - July 1990

Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago
February 1987 - August 1988

Associate at Mayer, Brown & Platt, Chicago, Illinois
September 1984 - February 1987

Law Clerk to United States District Judge Hubert L. Will, Chicago, Illinois
July 1982 - July 1984

Law Teaching Experience:

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Clinical Associate Professor of Law, 2006 - 2010
Clinical Professor of Law, 2010 -

Supervision of sixteen second and third year law students per semester, who participate in the MacArthur Center's Civil Rights Litigation clinic.

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois
Lecturer in Law, 1993 - 2006

Supervision of eight to twelve second and third year law students per quarter, who assist in the MacArthur Justice Center's litigation.

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic's Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop and Pretrial Litigation Methods course

Seminar on Death Penalty and Habeas Corpus

Admissions to practice:

Illinois Supreme Court, 1982

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
General Bar, 1982
Trial Bar, 1988
Federal Defender Panel, 1991

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1985

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1999

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2011

United States Supreme Court, 1997

Education:

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois
J.D. 1982, cum laude, Order of the Coif

Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
A.B. 1978, magna cum laude with concentration
in the Comparative Study of Religion

Representative Trials:

Fontano v. Godinez, (C.D. Ill), Judge Myerscough

Trial counsel in jury trial of civil rights suit against prison officials who retaliated against a prisoner who exercised his First Amendment rights by reporting that he had been raped by his cellmate. Settled on the final day of trial for \$450,000.

Jimenez v. City of Chicago, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Kennelly

Trial counsel in jury trial of civil rights suit against Chicago police officers on behalf of man wrongfully charged with murder after police manipulated witness testimony, filed false reports and concealed evidence. Jury verdict of \$25 million for the plaintiff. (Affirmed on appeal, Jimenez v. City of Chicago, 732 F.3d 710 (7th Cir. 2013)).

People v. Cortez Brown, (Cook County Circuit Court), Judge Crane

Trial counsel in post-conviction hearing for convicted murder defendant who alleged his confession had been coerced by detectives under the command of Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge. New trial awarded based on finding that the confession was involuntary.

Evans v. City of Chicago, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Coar

Second chair trial counsel in jury trial of civil rights suit against Chicago police officers on behalf of man wrongfully charged with murder after police manipulated witness testimony and filed false reports. Plaintiff served 27 years in prison for a crime of which he was innocent.

Ayala, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Holderman

Trial counsel in preliminary injunction hearing for a class of persons who claimed they were detained as “witnesses” in Chicago police stations. The case was settled with an award of attorneys’ fees and the Chicago Police Department’s agreement to an order permanently ending the practice of holding witnesses behind locked doors without first advising them of their freedom to leave.

People v. Olajide Banks, (Cook County Circuit Court), Judge Stephens

Second chair trial counsel for indigent defendant accused of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

First Defense Legal Aid, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Shadur

Trial counsel for temporary restraining order and injunction hearing for legal defender organization being denied access to clients in police custody. Findings of fact, conclusions of law and injunction in favor of the defender organization are reported at 225 F. Supp. 2d 870 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 9, 2002), rev’d, 319 F.3d 967.

People v. Faygie Fields, (Alexander County Circuit Court), Judge Clarke
Trial counsel for indigent defendant accused of aggravated battery to prison guards.

People v. Alcurtis Jackson, (Cook County Circuit Court), Judge Suria
Trial counsel for indigent defendant accused of heinous battery.

United States ex rel. Green v. Peters, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Shadur
Trial counsel for class of criminally convicted appellants whose appeals were being delayed as a result of understaffing of appellate indigent defender organization. Findings of fact and conclusions of law in favor of the class are reported at 917 F. Supp. 1238 (N.D. Ill. 1996).

People v. Chicago Magnet Wire, Inc., (Cook County Circuit Court), Judge Strayhorn
Second chair trial counsel for president of corporation accused of aggravated assaults and batteries arising out of the operation of a factory.

Smith v. Jack Nicklaus Development Corp., (Will County Circuit Court), Judge McKoski
Trial counsel for landowner in trial of land use dispute. Verdict in favor of landowner was upheld on appeal. (Smith v. Jack Nicklaus Development Corp., 225 Ill. App. 3d 384 (2d Dist. 1992))

United States v. United Skates of America, Inc., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Aspen
Second chair trial counsel for corporation accused of federal RICO offenses in connection with alleged payment of bribes to obtain liquor licenses.

Evans v. City of Chicago (and consolidated cases), (N.D. Ill.), Judge Grady
Co-trial counsel for the City of Chicago in damages phase trial of plaintiff class claim that City of Chicago had unconstitutionally delayed the payment of tort judgments. Trial court's ruling that the City owed damages to the plaintiff class was reversed on appeal. (Evans v. City of Chicago, 873 F.2d 1007 (7th Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 495 U.S. 956 (1990))

Maloney v. Washington, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Plunkett
Second chair trial counsel for defense in trial of reverse discrimination case against Mayor and Superintendent of Police of the City of Chicago.

Other Representative Trial Level Cases:

Swift v. City of Chicago, (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Alexrood
Civil rights suit on behalf of a man who, as a teenager confessed to a crime he did not commit and of which he was later exonerated by DNA evidence. Suit named member of the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney as defendants. Settled on the eve of trial for a combined total of \$12,375,000.00.

Strong v. Tessmann, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Durkin

Civil rights case for a man who spent over a decade of wrongful incarceration after being wrongfully convicted following a fraudulent investigation by the Lake County, Illinois Major Crimes Task Force. Case settled for \$9,000,000.00.

In re Petition for Appointment of Special Prosecutor, (Circuit Court of Cook County),
Judge Martin

Petition by elected officials, bar associations, prominent lawyers and community groups seeking a special prosecutor to prosecute officers involved in the homicide of Laquan McDonald and subsequent attempts to cover up the facts.

Robinson v. Martin, (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Gamrath

Class action suit challenging as a violation of equal protection and due process the use of money bail as security for criminally charged persons' release from pre-trial custody.

Yates v. County of St. Clair, (S.D. Ill.), Judge Reagan

Civil rights case on behalf of intellectually impaired 17 year old who confessed during a videotaped interrogation to an armed robbery he did not commit. Case was settled for \$900,000—the largest civil rights settlement ever paid by St. Clair County.

Taylor v. City of Chicago, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Lee

Civil rights case on behalf of innocent man who was convicted of a murder committed at a time when he was in police custody and spent over two decades in prison.

Rivera v. Guevara, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Gottschall

Civil rights case on behalf of innocent man who was convicted of murder and imprisoned for two decades because of a manipulated eyewitness identification.

Rivera v. Lake County, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Leinenweber

Civil rights case on behalf of innocent man who was psychologically tortured into confessing to a rape-murder. Case was settled for \$20 million.

People v. Johnnie Plummer, et al., (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Biebel

Class action petition for all still-incarcerated victims of Jon Burge whose convictions allegedly rest on a confession elicited by torture. The case sought an evidentiary hearing for all class members and new trials where appropriate. The matter was resolved with an order directing the appointment of counsel for all such persons.

In re Petition for Appointment of Special Prosecutor, (Circuit Court of Cook County),
Judge Toomin

Petition by family of David Koschman, who was slain by the nephew of former Chicago Mayor Daley, for appointment of an independent prosecutor to investigate the homicide and pursue criminal charges. The appointed special prosecutor secured a conviction of the former Mayor's nephew.

Kitchen v. Burge, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Bucklo

Civil rights case on behalf of Jon Burge torture victim who was sentenced to Death Row for a crime he did not commit after confessing under torture. Settled for \$6.85 million.

Tillman v. Burge, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Pallmeyer

Civil rights case on behalf of Jon Burge torture victim who spent over two decades in prison after confessing under torture to a crime he did not commit. Settled for \$5.375 million

People v. Tillman, (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Gaughan

Post-conviction litigation on behalf of a prisoner whose conviction rested principally on a confession elicited during a physically coercive interrogation conducted by Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and other detectives.

Livers v. Schenck, et al., (D. Neb.), Judge Bataillon

Civil rights case against Cass County, Nebraska and Nebraska State Patrol investigators on behalf of an innocent man who spent over eight months jailed after a false confession was coerced from him. Settled for \$1.65 million.

Pendleton v. Fish, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Zagel

Civil rights case against Chicago Police forensic investigator and police officers on behalf of an innocent man who spent over eight years incarcerated for a sexual assault that he did not commit. Settled for \$600,000.

Wilson v. O'Brien, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Kocoras

Civil rights case against Chicago Police officers on behalf of a man who spent over nine years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Settled for \$3.6 million.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers v. Chicago Police Department, et al., (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Mason

Freedom of Information Act suit seeking access to data underlying the Illinois eyewitness identification study, which purported to find that traditional methods of conducting lineups and photo arrays are more reliable than the sequential, double-blind method favored by social science research.

Mason v. County of Cook, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge Zagel

Civil rights class action case against Cook County and officials responsible for creating and implementing Central Bond Court, under which bonds are set for arrestees via closed circuit video. Case was dismissed when the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County ordered that all future bond hearings be conducted with bond applicants present before the court.

Cannon v. Burge, et al., (N.D. Ill.), Judge St. Eve

Civil rights case against Chicago Police officers and Cook County State's Attorney's office on behalf of a man who was tortured into confessing to a murder he did not commit.

People v. Darrell Cannon, (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Fox

Post-conviction proceedings on behalf of police torture victim who pled guilty to armed violence and conspiracy to commit murder as a result of ineffective assistance of counsel. The plea was vacated and the charges dismissed.

Johnson v. City of Chicago, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Hart

Civil rights case alleging policy claim against the City of Chicago for unlawful detention of witnesses during high profile criminal investigations.

Bell v. Cummings, et al., (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Hogan

Represented man wrongfully charged with his mother's murder after police coerced him into falsely confessing in suit for malicious prosecution and intentional infliction of emotional distress against the police officer who coerced the confession. Settled for \$1 million.

In re Petition for Appointment of Special Prosecutor, (Circuit Court of Cook County),
Judge Biebel

Represented petitioners seeking the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate and prosecute crimes committed by Chicago Police detectives who engaged in torture of suspects at the Area 2 Chicago Police headquarters. Special prosecutor was appointed in April, 2002.

Willis v. Fish, et al., (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Casciato

Represented exonerated former prisoner in malicious prosecution action against prosecutor and forensic scientists in the Chicago Police crime lab. Settled for \$2.6 million.

Ceriale v. Smith & Wesson; Young v. Bryco Arms; and Smith v. Navegar, Inc. (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Duncan-Brice

Represented families of gun violence victims in public nuisance litigation against firearms manufacturers, alleging that manufacturers are responsible for

consequences of gun violence in light of distribution practices that funnel guns to criminals in the City of Chicago.

Chicago Reader, Inc. v. Sheahan, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Moran

Represented journalist in an action seeking to bar Cook County Sheriff from refusing the journalist access to the Cook County Jail in retaliation for unfavorable story about the Sheriff. Trial court's decision granting summary judgment in favor of the plaintiff is reported at 141 F. Supp. 2d 1142 (N.D. Ill. 2001)

Newsome v. James, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Plunkett

Pretrial representation of exonerated former prisoner in civil rights action against police officers for malicious prosecution. Trial court's decision denying motions to dismiss is reported at 968 F. Supp. 1318 (N.D. Ill. 1997).

Proress v. Howell, (N.D. Ill.), Judge Castillo

Represented journalist David Proress and students in an action seeking journalistic access to condemned prisoner in the days prior to the prisoner's scheduled execution. For a description of the case, see Judge Castillo's opinion transferring venue, reported at 1995 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6102 (N.D. Ill. May 4, 1995).

Jefferson v. Fry, (Circuit Court of Cook County), Judge Foreman

Represented class of indigent criminal appellants in action challenging the propriety of Cook County Public Defender's practice of filing motions to withdraw from nearly half of the appellate cases to which the Public Defender is appointed.

Representative Appellate Cases:

Jimenez v. City of Chicago, 732 F.3d 710 (7th Cir. 2013) (argued).

Livers v. Schenck, 700 F.3d 340 (8th Cir. 2012) (argued).

National Ass'n of Crim Def Lawyers v. Chi Police Dep't, 924 N.E.2d 564 (Ill. App. 1st Dist. 2010) (argued).

Evans v. City of Chicago, 513 F.3d 735 (7th Cir. 2007).

First Defense Legal Aid v. City of Chicago, 319 F.3d 967 (7th Cir. 2003) (argued).

Young v. Bryco Arms, 327 Ill. App. 3d 948 (1st Dist. 2001) (argued), rev'd, 213 Ill. 2d 433 (2004) (argued).

People v. Rokita, 316 Ill. App. 3d 292 (5th Dist. 2000) (argued).

Hanrahan v. Williams, 267 Ill. App. 3d 735 (2d Dist. 1994), rev'd, 174 Ill. 2d 268 (1996) (argued), cert. denied, 118 S. Ct. 56 (1997).

People v. Brown, 172 Ill. 2d 1 (1996).

United States v. Eliason, 3 F.3d 1149 (7th Cir. 1993) (argued).

Smith v. Jack Nicklaus Development Corp., 225 Ill. App. 3d 384 (2d Dist. 1992) (argued).

Fenderson v. Athey Products Corp., 220 Ill. App. 3d 832 (1st Dist. 1991) (argued).

Significant Amicus Briefs:

Obrycka v. City of Chicago, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179990 (N.D. Ill. December 20, 2012).

Co-author of amicus brief to a judge in the Northern District of Illinois arguing that it would violate the public interest to grant the City of Chicago's request as part of a settlement deal to vacate a judgment against the City finding that the City Police had a code of silence.

People v. Wrice, 406 Ill. App. 3d 43 (1st Dist. 2011), aff'd, 2012 Ill. LEXIS 306 (2012).

Author of amicus briefs to the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court arguing on behalf of an ad hoc group of prominent Illinois lawyers and politicians that prisoners alleging their convictions were procured through torture should have receive a full hearing into their allegations without regard to the technical timeliness of the claim or the harmless error doctrine.

People ex rel. Madigan v. Snyder, 208 Ill. 2d 457 (2004).

Author of amicus brief arguing on behalf of death row inmates whose sentences were commuted against their will to life imprisonment that the commutations were valid under Illinois law and should be upheld despite the inmates' personal preferences.

People v. Rissley, 206 Ill. 2d 403 (2003).

Author of amicus brief arguing on behalf of religious leaders that a death row appellant should not be denied a hearing on his constitutional claims because he erroneously relied on his appointed lawyer's advice and filed his petition for post-conviction hearing six days too late.

People v. Kliner, 185 Ill. 2d 81 (1998).

Author of amicus brief arguing on behalf of prominent Illinois lawyers that there should be a moratorium on death penalty executions pending a review of the Illinois capital punishment process in light of the many instances of wrongful convictions and death sentences imposed upon the actually innocent. (The Illinois Supreme Court declined to address the issue raised in the brief..)

Bracy v. Gramley, 520 U.S. 899 (1997).

Author of amicus brief arguing on behalf of prominent Illinois lawyers that there should be an evidentiary hearing into a death row inmate's habeas corpus claim that his conviction and death sentence were tainted because a corrupt judge had presided over his trial.

People v. McCauley, 163 Ill. 2d. 414 (1994).

Author of amicus brief arguing on behalf of various criminal defense organizations and prominent criminal defense counsel that the right to counsel provision of the Illinois constitution should be interpreted more broadly than the United States Supreme Court had interpreted the Sixth Amendment in Moran v. Burbine, 475 U.S. 412 (1986).

Selected Lectures and Conference Presentations:

Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center

Conference on De-incarceration through Civil Rights Litigation, April 2016
Convenor and panelist

Northwestern University School of Law

Journal of Law and Social Policy Symposium on Police in America, November 2015
Convenor and panel facilitator

Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Seminar on representing victims of Jon Burge, October 2013
Presentation on post-conviction hearings involving claims of torture by Jon Burge and his men.

Northwestern University School of Law

Centennial Symposium of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, January 2010
Presentation on the Effects of Videoconferencing on Outcomes in Bond Hearings in Cook County (with Prof. Shari Seidman Diamond)

Citizens Alert/Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Symposium on Independent Oversight of Police in Chicago, February 2007
Presentation on police torture and the need for civilian oversight of the Chicago Police Department

Illinois Academy of Criminology

Fall Program 2006
Presentation on Special Prosecutor investigation of Chicago Police Lt. Jon Burge and the Area 2 police torture scandal

American Trial Lawyers Association

2000 Annual Convention, July 2000
Firearms and Ammunition Litigation Group
Presentation on litigating public nuisance cases against the gun industry

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Loyola Consumer Law Review Symposium, April 2000
Panel on Guns and Violence: Legislation, Litigation and Consumer Policy

ACLU/Open Society Institute

Workshop on Indigent Defense Litigation, April 2000
Panel on Litigation Strategies

Midwest Criminal Justice Association

Annual conference, October 1999
Keynote speech

Northwestern University School of Law

National Conference on Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty
Panels on the Illinois moratorium movement and compensating the wrongfully convicted, November 1998

Northwestern University School of Law Student Federalist Society

Debate on Racism in the Death Penalty, October 1997

Illinois Public Defender Association, annual conference, June 1997

Presentation of Illinois Public Defender Caseloads and Resources Survey

John Marshall Law School, The 7th Belle R. and Joseph H. Braun Memorial

Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on the Death Penalty
Panel on post conviction and habeas corpus strategy, October 1996

University of Chicago Roundtable conference on intermediate punishments
Panel on alternatives to incarceration, January 1995

Other presentations include lectures and panel discussions for student groups at the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago Law School on death penalty issues, handguns litigation and public interest litigation. Frequent speaker on the death penalty and other criminal justice issues in a variety of fora.

Publications:

L. Bowman, Delays in Laquan McDonald case foster despair in Chicago, Chicago Tribune (July 15, 2016).

A. Van Brunt, S. Bedi, L. Bowman and C. Futterman, Complaint Submitted to the U.S. DOJ Documenting the Role of the Independent Police Review Authority in Perpetuating a Code of Silence and Culture of Violence in the Chicago Police Department, 11 Police Misconduct and Civil Rights 3 (January/February 2016).

L. Bowman and G. F. Taylor, Courts Have Sorry Record in Police Abuse Cases, Chicago Sun Times (December 16, 2015).

L. Bowman and G. F. Taylor, State's Attorney Yet to Apologize for Koschman Case, Chicago Sun Times (September 17, 2015).

L. Bowman, Justice Is Lacking When System Protects Its Own, Chicago Tribune, (July 24, 2015).

L. Bowman, The Ugly Truth Behind the Killing of Michael Brown, Crain's Chicago Business (December 2, 2014).

S. S. Diamond, L. E. Bowman, M. Wong and M. M. Patton, Efficiency and Cost: The Impact of Videoconferenced Hearings on Bail Decisions, 100 Northwestern J. Crim. L. and Criminology 869 (Summer 2010).

L. Bowman, Review of Jon B. Gould, The Innocence Commission: Preventing Wrongful Convictions and Restoring the Criminal Justice System: Lemonade Out of Lemons: Can Wrongful Convictions Lead to Criminal Justice Reform? 98 Northwestern J. Crim. L. and Criminology 1501 (Summer 2008)

L. Bowman, Review of Steve Bogira, Courtroom 302: The Emperor Has No Clothes: A Journalist Sees the Criminal Justice System, 95 Northwestern J. Crim. L. and Criminology 1411 (Summer 2005).

- L. Bowman, Reversal of Fortune: How George Davis Unwittingly Proved the Importance of Having an Appellate Lawyer, CBA Record (November 2005).
- L. Bowman, Lawyers must be guardians of liberty, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, (April 23, 2005).
- L. Bowman and Rob Warden, Independent Crime Labs Could Help Stop Forensic Fraud, Chicago Sun Times (November 7, 2004).
- L. Bowman and Randolph Stone, Burge Investigation Needs Ratcheting Up, Chicago Tribune (April 22, 2003).
- L. Bowman and Randolph Stone, Cop Brutality Probe Must Be Thorough, Fair, Chicago Sun Times (May 16, 2002).
- L. Bowman, Litigating the Public Nuisance Case, 2 ATLA 2000 Convention Reference Materials 1815 (2000).
- L. Bowman, Gov. Ryan Should Sign Bill Requiring Preservation of DNA, Chicago Tribune (May 2, 2000).
- L. Bowman, Desperate Hours, Kokoraleis Execution Places Us at A Moral Crossroads, Chicago Tribune (March 14, 1999).
- L. Bowman, In Quest for the Truth, Cameras Will Not Lie, Chicago Sun Times (February 16, 1999).
- L. Bowman, Clemency Project Serving Victims of Parole System, Chicago Sun Times Letter (March 7, 1996)
- H. Silets and L. Bowman, Crime on the Production Floor, 21 Criminal Law Advocacy Reporter 557 (1991).

Occasional blog posts for the Huffington Post are archived at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/locke-bowman/>

Other Activities:

Member of Police Oversight Working Group for Mayor Emanuel's 2016 Police Accountability Task Force

Co-author of December 2015 Complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding the failures of Chicago's Independent Police Review Authority.

Co-author of April 2007 Report on the Failure of Special Prosecutors Edward J. Egan and Robert D. Boyle to Fairly Investigate Police Torture in Chicago.

Leader in public interest advocacy effort to implement reforms in the Chicago Police Department's internal disciplinary process (Summer 2007).

Coordinated the filing of clemency petitions for approximately 150 death row inmates whose death sentences were commuted by Illinois Governor George Ryan in January 2003.

Member of the Advisory Committee of the Illinois Death Penalty Education Project
Founded by the Justice Project, the Northwestern Law School Center on Wrongful Convictions and the MacArthur Justice Center to educate the public about flaws in the Illinois death penalty system and the need for reform, 2001-2002

Chicago Council of Lawyers
Member of the Board of Governors, 2001 - 2002
Member of the Executive Committee, 2002 - 2005
President, 2003 - 2005

Co-Chair of the Illinois Lawyers of the Legal Community Against Violence, a Lawyers' organization dedicated to improving the regulation of firearms
2000 – present

Member of Illinois House of Representatives Task Force on the Death Penalty
Created by House Resolution to study problems in the administration of capital punishment in the State of Illinois, 1999 - 2000

Member of Advisory Board of the Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence
Washington, DC-based organization that advocates and litigates for gun control, 1998 - present.

Member of Honorary Board for First Defense Legal Aid
An indigent defender organization that provides free representation to suspects in police custody prior to charging and initial court appearance, 1996 - present.

Awards:

American Constitution Society, Legal Legend Award, July 2015

Named an Illinois Superlawyer in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

St. Joseph the Worker Award, Evangelical Catholic Diocese of the Northwest,
November 2010

First Defense Legal Aid, First Defender Award, May 2008

Citizens Alert Rev. Willie Baker Award, for Contributions toward Community Justice,
April 2005

Clarence Darrow Award, Clarence Darrow Commemorative Committee, For Leadership
Efforts to Reform the Death Penalty System, March 2003

Illinois Public Defender Association Award for Excellence and Meritorious Service
November 1994

Media Experience:

Litigation activities have often been covered in the media. Frequently interviewed in the print and electronic media on a variety of issues related to criminal justice. Often quoted in the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. Interviewed on The Today Show, CNN and National Public Radio. Frequent local radio and television interviews.