



# Michele M. Jochner

## *A Leader* for the Illinois State Bar Association

**Results matter and experience counts.** For nearly two decades, Michele Jochner has listened to Illinois lawyers, understood their concerns, and achieved concrete results that directly benefit the members of the ISBA and the legal community at large. Michele has a proven track record to steer our association through the currents of change, to ensure that the ISBA remains relevant and responsive to its members, and to solidify the ISBA's role as the voice of Illinois lawyers.

### **ISBA Service Highlights**

- ISBA Secretary, 2006–2007
- ISBA Board of Governors, 2002–Present
- Board's Committee on Scope and Correlation, 2003–Present
- Recipient of an ISBA Presidential Commendation for "Indispensable Service to the ISBA and the Profession Through Many Leadership Roles," 2006
- Created and Developed the ISBA Solo and Small Firm Conference to respond to the practice needs of the ISBA's core membership
- Chair, Solo and Small Firm Conference Planning Committee, 2004–2006
- Co-Chair, ISBA/IJA/CBA Joint Committee on the "Bench Raising the Bar," 2005–2006
- Chair, General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Council, 2003–2004
- Co-Editor, *Bench & Bar* Newsletter, 2001–Present
- Committee on Budget and Audit, 2006–Present
- Judicial Evaluations Committee (Cook County), 2002–Present
- Allerton House Conference Planning Committee, 2007–Present
- Steering Committee for the ISBA Judicial Independence Conference, 2007
- Steering Committee for ISBA Long-Term Strategic Planning, 2004–2005
- Planning Committee, "Kids in a Jam" Mid-Year Meeting Symposium, 2005
- Record-Holding Seven-Time Recipient of the ISBA Lincoln Award for Legal Writing, 1994–2002
- Coordinated over 40 ISBA CLE seminars with an emphasis on ensuring diversity of speakers and providing the convenience of CLE programming to all areas of the State
- Frequent lecturer at ISBA seminars and author in ISBA publications
- Produced and appeared as a panelist on the ISBA "Illinois Law" cable television shows, 2003–2007
- Fellow, Illinois Bar Foundation

### **Professional Accomplishments & Community Service**

- Judicial Law Clerk to Justice Charles E. Freeman of the Illinois Supreme Court, 2006–Present; formerly served in the same capacity to Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow of the Illinois Supreme Court, 1997–2006
- Author of over 60 articles on a wide array of legal topics – civil and criminal, substantive and procedural – appearing in publications nationwide
- Speaker on a wide variety of legal issues at over 50 seminars across the State
- Recognized in several *Who's Who* publications
- Honored in 2004 as one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*
- Served as an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School and DePaul University College of Law
- Recording Secretary, Women's Bar Association of Illinois
- Secretary, Government Bar Association
- Secretary, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network
- Director, DePaul University College of Law Alumni Board
- Director, "Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project"
- Executive Committee, Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women
- Vice Justice, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Chicago Chapter
- Member, Leader Council of the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls
- Co-Chair, 2007 Unity Award Dinner and Fifth Annual Swearing-In of Bar Presidents Ceremony
- Active in other area bar associations, including: the Appellate Lawyers Association of Illinois; the Chicago Bar Association; the Lawyer's Club of Chicago; North Suburban Bar Association; the Northwest Suburban Bar Association; and the Southwest Bar Association

### **Education**

- JD conferred *with honors* and elected to the Order of the Coif, DePaul University College of Law, 1990
- LLM, Taxation Law, DePaul University College of Law, 1992

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