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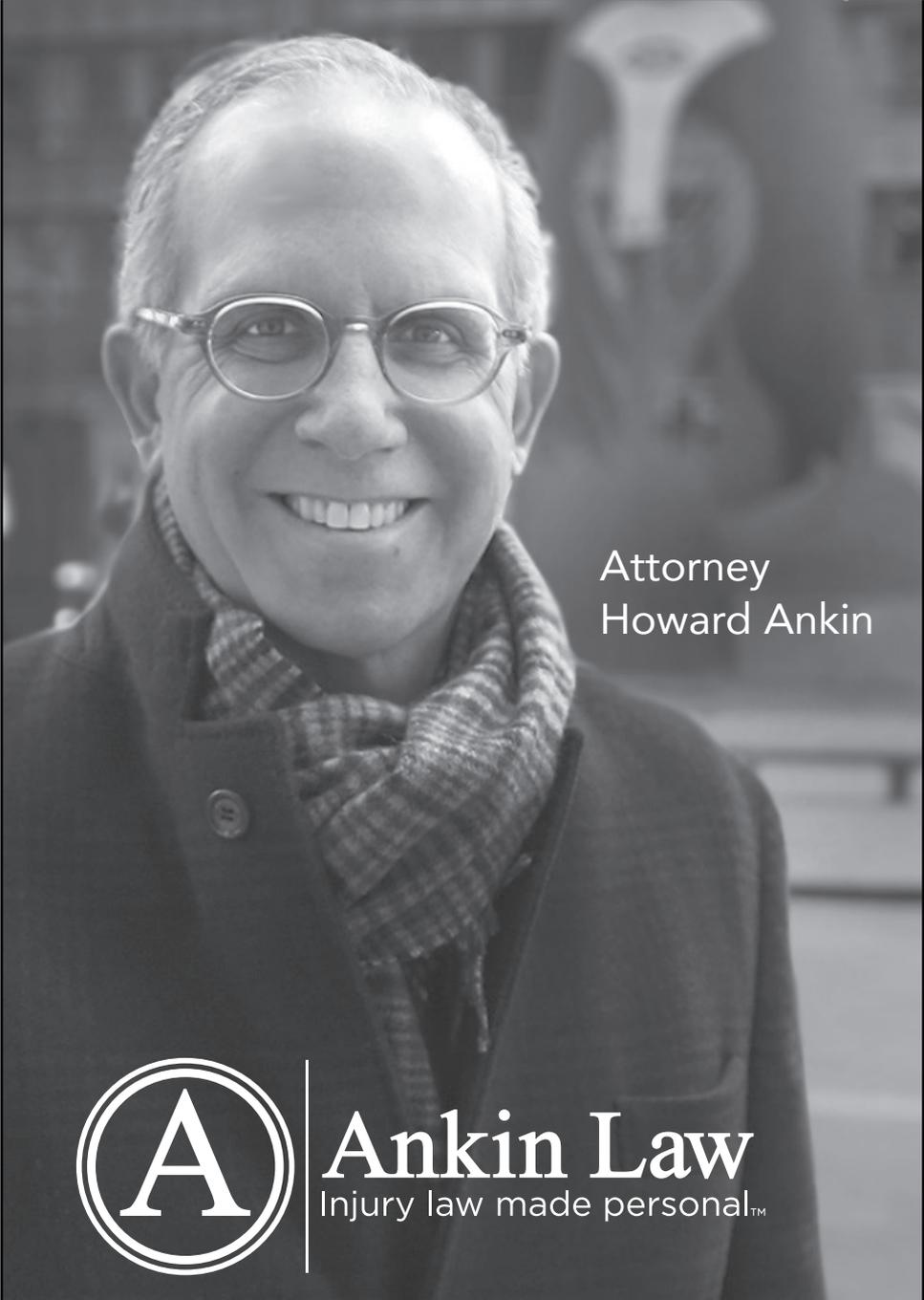
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## Incoming President's Welcome Message



Good evening. Welcome to the Decalogue Society of Lawyers 88th annual installation dinner. When I look over all that we have been through in the last year I am amazed at the resilience of our board, our executive director and our membership. We've experienced an actual plague. We have a war in Eastern Europe and famine in other parts of the world because of that war. We have seen our long held civil rights eroded and we have seen assaults on our democracy like never before. We have seen a rise in anti-Semitism. Yet, we never faltered in our mission.

Despite these challenges, our members have never stopped pursuing justice. We zealously advocate for clients. We equitably decide cases. We serve in government positions to make sure that those guilty of crimes are held accountable and those wrongly accused are not. Or we protect consumers and the environment. Our pursuit of justice has not been stopped or even slowed down.

Logistically, we transitioned almost seamlessly to online events and meetings thanks to a lot of hard work behind the scenes. Over the last year we attended CLEs remotely, had a remote Hannukah party and Judicial reception and matched up 15 law students and young lawyers with mentors. In my speech I will expand on the issue of mentorship.

Now we have the opportunity to meet again in person.

I want you to think of all that had to happen to get us here today and in person. I want to thank all of you who got vaccinated, who social distanced and who quarantined if they were unsure of their Covid status. We all here because of all of our sacrifice.

So, enjoy your evening. You've earned it. Thanks to our sponsors who made it financially possible to meet in person and congratulations to all of our honorees. As the new president, I look forward to a year of in person CLEs, events and meetings.

Sincerely,

Hon. Myron F. Mackoff  
President, Decalogue Society of Lawyers

## **Lifetime Achievement Award Judge (ret.) Moshe Jacobius**



Judge Moshe Jacobius is a graduate of DePaul Law School where he graduated cum laude in 1975. He earned a B.A. from the University of Illinois and an M.A. in history, also from the University of Illinois.

Judge Moshe Jacobius has a distinguished record of public service. He was formerly a Chicago Public School teacher working in the inner city. He began his legal career in 1974 as a law clerk for the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and worked his way up through the ranks in that office. Judge Jacobius had 16 year career as a litigator in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General handling some of the most difficult and sensitive cases in the office and serving three Illinois Attorneys General. He was formerly the head of the Worker's Compensation Division of the Office as well as the head of the General Law Division. The General Law Division is the civil litigation arm of the office. It handles the vast majority of the civil litigation in the office, including the most sensitive and complex litigation. In his capacity of Chief of General Law, Judge Jacobius supervised 40 attorneys. In 1988, he was named as Counsel to the Illinois Attorney General. He advised the Attorney General on major litigation and legislation in the office, handled special projects and was liaison to the National Association of Attorneys General and to the American Bar Association.

Judge Jacobius was appointed to the bench in January 1991 by the Illinois Supreme Court. In 1994, he was elected to a six-year term as a Circuit Court Judge from the 9th Judicial Sub-circuit. In 2006, the voters retained Judge Jacobius to another six-year term.

When first appointed, Judge Jacobius was assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and he has been in the Division since January 1991, except for a short stint as a Chancery Division judge from February 2000 to July 2000. Handling diverse assignments in the Domestic Relations Division, Judge Jacobius presided over numerous trials dealing with all major issues handled by the Division. In July 2000, Judge Jacobius returned to the Domestic Relations Division as Presiding Judge. He has lectured widely in the area of domestic relations and was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to its Commission on Child Custody and Committee on Courtroom Security. In December 2010, Judge Evans appointed Judge Jacobius as the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division. In his role as Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, Judge Jacobius administered the Division and presided over numerous, often complex cases, involving public interest and governance, insurance, real estate, trusts, corporate, and employment issues as well as various other areas of law.

Judge Jacobius has consistently received high ratings from bar associations that have reviewed his judicial proficiency as well as the endorsements of Chicago's two major newspapers in his judicial elections. Judge Jacobius retired January, 2022 and has joined JAMS as a mediator/arbitrator. He is married and has two children and fifteen grandchildren.



## **Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award Judge Judith C. Rice**

Judith C. Rice was appointed to the position of Cook County Circuit Court Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court on October 4, 2014, after having been elected that same year in the 7th Judicial Sub-Circuit of Cook County. Judge Rice began her judicial career in traffic court handling minor traffic violations as well as criminal DUI cases. She was then transferred to the forcible entry and detainer court where she heard suits involving condominium disputes and eviction cases. She is currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Court where she hears cases involving domestic and elder abuse.

Prior to becoming a Judge, Ms. Rice held the position of Senior Vice President and Head of Community Affairs & Economic Development for BMO Harris Bank. In that role, she was responsible for overseeing the Bank's community affairs, government relations, and community development activities, including community development lending and community investments. She also served as Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) officer for BMO Harris, accountable for the bank's compliance with regulatory requirements related to lending in underserved communities.

Previously, Judge Rice served as Vice President and Director of Government Relations for Harris. She joined Harris in 2007 with a strong background in public service. In 1988, Rice began her legal career as a prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. As an Assistant State's Attorney she handled appellate cases, narcotics prosecutions and abuse and neglect cases in juvenile court. After leaving the SAO she began an extensive career in city government. Her tenure with the City started with being appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel, and she subsequently served as Director of the Department of Revenue from 1993 until 1995. Rice was also elected as Chicago City Treasurer after serving as the first female commissioner of two of Chicago's key infrastructure agencies. She led the Department of Water from 1996 until 1999, and the Department of Transportation from 1999 until 2000.

Judge Rice serves on several non-profit community boards. She is currently on the advisory boards of the Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN) and the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. Additionally, she serves on the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Board and is a member of the Chicago Network and the United Negro College Fund. She has been recognized for her leadership and work supporting financial literacy by numerous organizations, including the Federal Reserve Board, the Illinois Council of Economic Education, and the City Colleges of Chicago.

Born and raised in Chicago, Rice earned her law degree from John Marshall Law School in 1988, and graduated cum laude from Loyola University Chicago in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in communication.

## **.Award of Excellence Donald C. Schiller**



Donald Schiller, co-founder of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP, has dedicated his career to the law, and particularly the practice of family law. Over the past 50 years, Donald has represented affluent leaders and spouses from the business, professional, entertainment and sports communities. He is well versed in the complexity of high-net-worth cases, which often require multiple legal services, exceptional discretion, and wide-ranging experience. Donald has built a reputation and a family law firm around him providing a personalized solution for each client. He is a well-known lecturer and author in his field and has been teaching divorce law at the University of Chicago Law School for over 20 years.

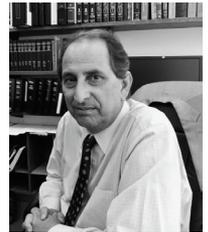
Recognized as one of the nation's top matrimonial lawyers by Town and Country Magazine, Worth Magazine, Chicago Sun-Times, National Law Journal and Crain's Chicago Business, Donald has been called a "gentleman in a volatile profession" as well as the "Don of Divorce." His demeanor inspires the confidence of clients, who quickly realize that Donald and his firm understand their needs like no others.

Donald has served as President of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chair of the ABA's Family Law Section, Chair of the State Bar's Family Law Section, National Chair of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers' Continuing Legal Education Committee, Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, and a co-founder and faculty member of the ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute. He is also the subject of a chapter in the book "The Divorce Lawyers" by Emily Couric.

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## **Decalogue Society Award Judge Neil H. Cohen**

Judge Neil H. Cohen became a judge in October, 2009. He has been assigned to the General Chancery Division since January, 2011. In the past, he has been a member of the Illinois Supreme Court's Criminal Justice, Social Justice and Strategic Planning Committees. He is currently a member of the Illinois College of Judicial Education, the Advanced Judicial Academy, the New Judges Orientation, Diversity and Joint Federal/State Education Committees, and the Illinois Supreme Court's Historic Preservation Commission.



Judge Cohen is a proud member of the Decalogue Society, Jewish Judges Association, Illinois Judicial Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association. Judge Cohen is in love with Susan S. Sher and has the amazing good fortune to have had her in his life since 1993. Together, they have four children, four grandchildren, 3 grandpuppies and a wonderful life.

## **Hebrew University Fellowship Award Justice Robert E. Gordon**



Justice Robert E. Gordon was a litigator who tried civil and criminal jury cases for 36 years, served as Special Assistant Attorney General from 1985-1996, when he ascended to the bench. As a jury trial judge for 10 years, presided over the most civil jury trials in the history of the state (Jury Reporter Award (2019)), and obtained the most settlements in the history of the court. In 2006, was assigned to the Appellate Court, and former chair of its Executive Committee.

Former member and Chairman of Local Board No. 5 of the U.S. Draft Board for 20 years (1982-2002), recipient of the Presidential Selective Service Medal (2002). Served on the Supreme Court ADR, Appellate Court, and Educational committees, for 10 years, member of Board of Managers of Decalogue, recipient of its President's (2008), Founders (2011), Freeman (2012), and Vanguard Awards (2017). Received the Illinois Bar's Distinguished Counselor Award (2012), Diversity Scholarship Foundation Diversity Award (2015), recognized as a legal scholar by the Public Interest Law Institute (2011), received Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award (2018) and in Who's Who since 1977. Gordon has helped many Jews and other minorities in ascending to the bench and has been a tireless worker for Decalogue and is one of the Founders of the Jewish Judges Association of Illinois.

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## **Founders Award Sharon L. Eiseman**



From 2006 until her recent retirement, Sharon Eiseman served as the Land Acquisition Bureau Chief in the Chicago Office of the Illinois Attorney General where her primary focus was the practice of eminent domain law for agencies of the State of Illinois. From 1987 to 2005, Ms. Eiseman was in private practice as a partner at two law firms where she represented local government entities, including municipalities, on procedures and regulations applicable to public governing bodies and their various committees, including FOIA and the sunshine laws, as well as on economic development projects, including TIF districts; annexation, zoning and land use matters; public contracting; and employment issues which incorporated the development and implementation of policies to deter sexual harassment in the workplace. She also represented these entities in the federal and state courts, and in matters before administrative bodies.

Prior to 1987, Ms. Eiseman served as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of Evanston, and as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. Throughout her career, Ms. Eiseman has authored materials on a wide range of local government topics, has appeared as a speaker, panelist and moderator before audiences of attorneys as well as government officials and employees, and has conducted training sessions on the prevention of sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination. Ms. Eiseman is also an active member of several bar associations and has served in leadership positions and on the boards of several of those associations and for charitable service projects she has co-founded.

## **Presidential Citation**

### **Joel F. Bruckman**



Joel Bruckman is a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group at the law firm of Freeborn & Peters, LLP. Joel's law practice focuses on advising clients on matters relating to data privacy and cybersecurity as well as complex commercial litigation with a focus on trade secrets and restrictive covenant matters. Joel is a former Cook County State's Attorney where he was assigned to the Special Prosecutions Bureau in the Financial Crimes and Public Corruption Unit and cross-designated as a member of the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force.

Joel serves on the Decalogue Society of Lawyer's Board of Managers and is the outgoing Recording Secretary and incoming Second Vice President. As the grandson of a Holocaust survivor, Joel is very active in the Jewish community where he works with several Jewish organizations in the fight against antisemitism.

Joel also serves on the Board of Directors for the North Suburban Bar Association and Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and chairs the NSBA's Foundation. Joel received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School and his B.S. in Public Financial Management from Indiana University. Joel resides in the northern suburbs of Chicago with his wife Barisa Meckler, and their sons Brayden and Cameron.

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## **Intra-Society Award**

### **Michelle Milstein**



Michelle Milstein received her JD from John Marshall Law School in 2017. During her time at John Marshall, she served as the co-President and President of the Decalogue Society's student chapter, as well as the law student representative on the Board of Managers. Since graduating, she has continued to serve as a Decalogue Board Member, including chairing the Social Action Committee since 2019, where she coordinated the Decalogue Society's participation in delivering food boxes to senior citizens in preparation for Rosh HaShannah and Passover, through Maot Chatim. In 2020, Michelle was elected as the Treasurer of the Decalogue Society, a position she still holds today. Outside of the Decalogue Society, Michelle currently works as an Assistant Attorney General in the Charitable Trust Bureau of the Illinois Attorney Generals Office.

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## **Recognition of 50-year members**

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Michael Zissman**

## **Recognition of 25-year member**

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# AWARDS

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*The Charles Freeman Judicial Merit Award is given to those judges who exemplify the highest ideals of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and of the legal profession by promoting diversity and inclusivity in the legal professions and for outstanding achievement in the judiciary.*

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

*The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals with pioneering spirit who have demonstrated inventiveness throughout their careers, have helped break down unfair or unjust societal barriers that prevented otherwise qualified individuals from reaching their potential, have notably improved the legal profession and our society in general, and have inspired others by and through their actions. Simply put, candidates for this award are living role models.*

## **The Decalogue Society Award**

*The Decalogue Society Award is presented to individuals who, through their actions and achievements, exemplify the core principles of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers to bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession, to maintain vigilance against public and private practices which are anti-social, discriminatory, anti-Semitic or oppressive, and to work with other groups and minorities to help protect the legal rights of all.*

## **The Award Of Excellence**

*The Decalogue Society of Lawyers' Award of Excellence is presented to attorneys who bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession by, among other things, rendering useful community service or participating in worthy movements for the public welfare.*

## **Hebrew University Fellowship Award**

*In 1968 the Decalogue Foundation established the Decalogue Perpetual Fellowship Fund, which provides an endowment for annual fellowships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. Each year, the fellowship is named in honor of a member who has made significant contributions of his or her time to Decalogue.*

## **The Decalogue Founders' Award**

*The Founders' Award is given to those individuals who, over the years, have given of their time and talents in such a way as to contribute significantly to ensuring the continued relevance of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Recipients of the Founders' Award are individuals who, throughout their affiliation with Decalogue, have given unwavering and outstanding service to the organization, have exemplified the standards of professional integrity and conduct, have achieved stature in their professional or academic pursuits, hold the esteem of their colleagues and peers, and have actively worked to further the core purposes for which Decalogue was founded.*

## **Intra-Society Award**

*The Intra Society Award is presented to members of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers who have devoted significant time and energy to augment various functions of the Society, who promote Decalogue's good reputation in the legal community and elsewhere, and who, through their actions, exemplify the Jewish ideals of tzedek (justice), limud (learning), and kavod (respect).*

## **Presidential Citation**

*The Presidential Citation is given annually to one or more individuals who have helped to improve the Decalogue Society of Lawyers through their innovative thinking and actions or who have made some notable contribution that enhanced the Society or furthered its goals and objectives.*

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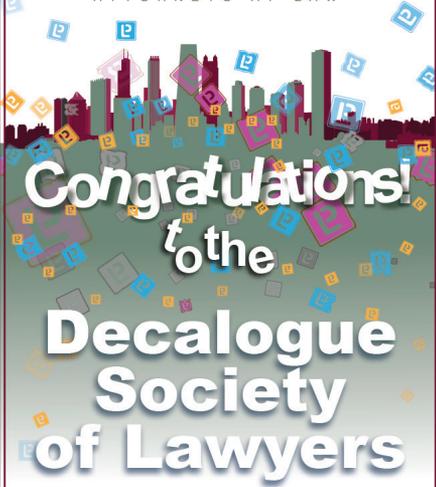
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Helen B. Bloch, Attorney and Counselor at Law  
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