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## **ILLINOIS EQUAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FY 2012**

### ***Two New Members Join Board***

(CHICAGO).....The Illinois Equal Justice Foundation (IEJF), the not-for-profit entity responsible for distributing and monitoring the state appropriation for civil legal aid for low-income families and individuals, announces its leadership team for fiscal year 2012.

At its Annual Meeting in June 2011, the Board of Directors unanimously elected the Honorable Karen Hasara, former Mayor of Springfield, as President. Also elected to leadership positions are: Daniel P. Broadhurst of Natoma Partners, LLC as Vice President and Richard M. Levin of Bank of America Merrill Lynch as Treasurer. Margaret A. Daley of Duff & Phelps was re-elected as Secretary.

The Board also elected two new members: Theodore T. Chung, Partner at Jones Day, and Joseph A. Strubbe, Shareholder at Vedder Price. New members are eligible to serve two three-year terms.

These new members join the officers listed above as well as the following Board directors: William L. Broom of Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP; Carolyn H. Clift of Health Care Service Corporation; Dana I. Green, retired formerly of Walgreens; J.P. Kumar of Caterpillar Global Mining; the Honorable Patricia Reid Lindner, former Illinois State Representative; Joseph Q. McCoy of Perkins Coie; Carla R. Michelotti of Leo Burnett Worldwide Inc.; Faustin A. Pipal, Jr. of Pipal & Berg LLP; Karen Ripley of MillerCoors; John C. Sciacotta of Shesky & Froelich; Jennifer A. Shaw of Jennifer A. Shaw, P.C.; Lisa C. Snow of Davis & Hosfield LLC; and Joseph J. Torres of Winston & Strawn.

Founding Trustees of the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation include: Christine M. Ory of the Law Offices of Christine M. Ory, PC; and Michael A. Pope of McDermott Will & Emery. Founding Trustees serve the IEJF in a non-voting capacity.

State funding for civil legal aid is appropriated through the Illinois Equal Justice Act and housed in the Attorney General's budget. The Act, approved by the General Assembly and signed into law in 1999, recognizes the State's responsibility to ensure equal access to the legal system. It sets forth a wide range of innovative, cost-effective initiatives to help low-income people understand the legal system and resolve their routine legal problems more effectively. The Act also created the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation to distribute the State's appropriation for civil legal aid to not-for-profit organizations throughout the state.

In December, the IEJF awarded over \$1.66 million in grants to 17 not-for-profit organizations providing civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals throughout the state. To learn more about the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, visit [www.iejf.org](http://www.iejf.org). To learn more about the Equal Justice Illinois Campaign, a bi-partisan effort to increase the state appropriation for civil legal services for the poor, visit [www.equaljusticeillinois.org](http://www.equaljusticeillinois.org).

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