



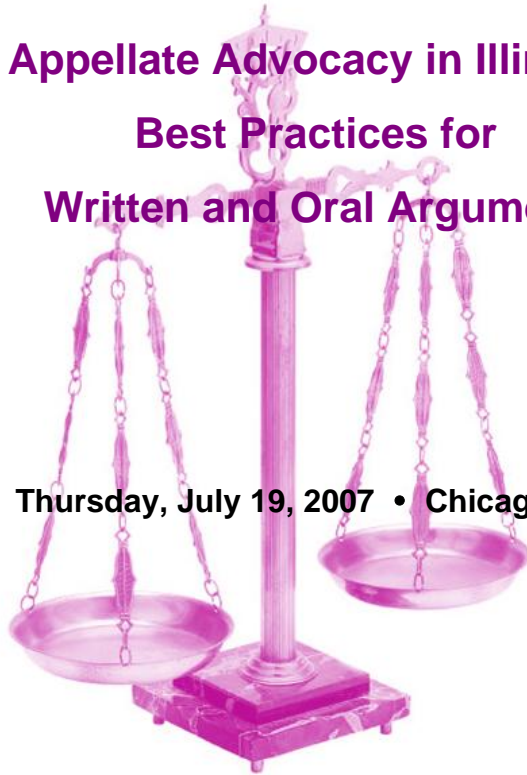
The National Association of Women Lawyers®

Invites you to a special CLE Program with:

**Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman
Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke
Illinois Solicitor General Gary S. Feinerman**

Appellate Advocacy in Illinois: Best Practices for Written and Oral Argument

Thursday, July 19, 2007 • Chicago, IL



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The National Association of Women Lawyers presents a
Continuing Legal Education Program

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Date: July 19, 2007

**Location: University Club of Chicago
76 East Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (including networking lunch)

Join Illinois Supreme Court Justices Rita B. Garman and Anne M. Burke, together with Illinois Solicitor General Gary S. Feinerman and advocates Michele L. Odorizzi and Jean M. Prendergast, as they discuss best practices for appellate advocacy in a panel format moderated by former NAWL President Stephanie Scharf. The speakers will address the strategy and tactics of appeals, including:

- What factors should you and your client take into account in pursuing an appeal?
- What are the best ways to frame effective written appellate arguments? What are the do's and don't of written briefs? How should you write effective opening briefs? What is the function of the response and reply briefs and what are the best approaches to writing them?
- What is the role of an amicus brief? How do the appellate and Supreme Courts view amicus briefs? When are they helpful and when do they harm your appeal?
- What types of oral arguments are persuasive and which are not? What are some do's and don'ts of oral advocacy? What is the best way to present your case and your client during oral argument to an appellate court?

- At the Supreme Court level, what factors does the Court take into account when deciding whether to take an appeal? What strategies should you consider in preparing a petition for leave to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court? How is a petition for leave to appeal different from other briefs and what should the focus be? How can you increase your chance of obtaining Supreme Court review (or decrease the change that your opponent will obtain review)?
- What are best practices for women appellate advocates? How can women advocates gain more experience in appellate work?

The panel discussion will be followed by a networking luncheon from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

To register, see back page or register on the NAWL website www.nawl.org

Application pending for CLE credit.

Who should attend? Lawyers interested in general litigation or appellate advocacy who wish to learn directly from Illinois Supreme Court Justices and other experienced advocates about how to make effective written and oral arguments. The program is especially suited for associates and young partners. NAWL welcomes registration by men and women lawyers.

NAWL specially thanks Deborah H. Bornstein, Williams Montgomery & John Ltd., for her assistance in obtaining the venue for this program.

SPEAKERS

Rita B. Garman was born in Aurora. She was valedictorian of Oswego High School in 1961. She received her B.S. degree in economics with highest honors from the University of Illinois in 1965, Bronze Tablet, and her J.D. degree with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1968. She was Assistant State's Attorney in Vermilion County (1969-73), was engaged in private practice with Sebat, Swanson, Banks, Lessen & Garman (1973), and was an Associate Circuit Judge for 12 years. She was a Circuit Judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit (1986-95) and Presiding Circuit Judge (1987-95). She was assigned to the Appellate Court, Fourth District, in July 1995, and was elected to the position in November 1996. Justice Garman was appointed to the Supreme Court on February 1, 2001, and elected to the Court on November 5, 2002. She is a member of the Vermilion County, Illinois State and Iowa Bar Associations, and the Illinois Judges' Association.

Anne M. Burke was born on Feb. 3, 1944, in Chicago. She received her B.A. degree in education from DePaul University in 1976 and her J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1983. She was admitted to the Federal Court, Northern District of Illinois, in 1983, the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in 1985, and certified for the Trial Bar, Federal District Court in 1987. In that same year, Governor James Thompson appointed her Judge to the Court of Claims and, in 1991, she was reappointed by Governor Jim Edgar. In April 1994, she was appointed special counsel to the Governor for Child Welfare Services. In August 1995, she was appointed to the Appellate Court, First District. In 1996, she was elected to the Appellate Court, First District, for a full term. Justice Burke was appointed to the Supreme Court on July 6, 2006. She is married to Alderman Edward M. Burke, and they are the parents of five children, Jennifer (Jim Murphy), Edward (Jackie), the late Emmett, Sarah, and Travis, as well as five grandchildren.

Gary S. Feinerman has served as Solicitor General of Illinois since his appointment by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan in 2003. As Solicitor General, Feinerman supervises the Civil Appeals and Criminal Appeals Divisions of the Office of the Attorney General, which conduct appellate litigation in state and federal court on behalf of the State, its officers and employees. Previously, Feinerman was a litigation partner at Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw and member of the firm's Appellate Practice Group. Feinerman served as a law clerk to Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court (1993-1994) and to Judge Joel Flaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1991-1992), and worked in the Office of the Counsel to the President and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Policy Development, in the mid-1990s. A graduate of Stanford Law School (1991) and Yale College (1987), Feinerman resides in Winnetka with his wife, Beth Kohl, and their three daughters, Sophia, Anna and Lily.

Michele Odorizzi is a partner in the law firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, where she has concentrated on brief-writing and appellate litigation for close to thirty years. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and clerked for Judge Philip W. Tone on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Odorizzi was for many years one of the Practice Area Leaders of Mayer Brown's highly-respected Appellate Group. She has argued cases in eight of the federal Courts of Appeals and in the Illinois, California, Delaware and Nevada Supreme Courts for a variety of clients involving a variety of issues, including securities law and corporate governance, product liability, class actions, and state and federal constitutional issues. Ms. Odorizzi has been ranked as one of the leading litigators in Illinois by Chambers USA's Client's Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Jean M. Prendergast is a partner at Crisham & Kubes, Ltd. Her practice is devoted to civil litigation and appeals. Ms. Prendergast successfully has briefed and argued numerous cases before the Illinois Supreme Court and the state and federal appellate courts. She also has overseen a wide variety of litigation matters involving class action claims, corporate oppression, fraud, consumer finance and insurance coverage and litigation matters. She also has represented professionals including attorneys, architects, and engineers in disputes involving claims for professional malpractice. Prior to entering private practice, she served as a judicial law clerk for Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow of the Illinois Supreme Court and for Justice Mary Jane Theis of the Illinois Appellate Court. Ms. Prendergast is a graduate of Loyola University, Chicago School of Law, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Foundation. She previously has served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and the Appellate Lawyers Association.

Stephanie A. Scharf, moderator, is a partner with Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Scharf, a majority women-owned law firm with offices in New York and Chicago. She is a former President of NAWL, serves on the Board of the Illinois Bar Foundation, and co-chairs the American Bar Association's Products Liability Committee (Section of Litigation). She concentrates her practice in complex litigation for corporate clients, especially companies that make and market technical or scientific products and services. A graduate of the University of Chicago (Ph.D. 1978, Behavioral Sciences; J.D. 1985), Ms. Scharf is Martindale Hubbell AV-rated, has been named one of 500 leading litigators in the U.S. (Lawdragon 2006) and has been elected by her peers as an Illinois Super Lawyer (2005, 2006, 2007).

Program Registration Form

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Registration Fee: Includes the program, lunch and CLE materials.

Cost: Fee for NAWL members or Co-Sponsor members (BWLA; Chicago Alliance; WBAI): \$85

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