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## District Court to Host “Women Lawyers in the Courtroom” Symposium on April 21, 2016

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois will be hosting a complimentary symposium, “Women Lawyers in the Courtroom.”

**When:** April 21, 2016  
1:00-5:45 p.m.

**Where:** Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse  
219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago

Reception immediately follows at the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago.

The symposium will discuss strategies and best practices to empower women lawyers as lead counsel and trial counsel in litigation.

Topics include:

- The Way Forward: Findings from the Survey on Women Lawyers as Lead Counsel and Trial Counsel in Litigation
- Benefits of Female Trial Counsel: Views from the Box
- Women Lawyers on Trial Teams: How In-House Counsel are Making a Difference
- Getting Real World Trial Experience: Tips from Experienced Trial Lawyers
- A View from the Bench

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Additional information and an agenda can be found below.

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## AGENDA

### Welcome

(1:00-1:15 p.m.)

**Hon. Diane P. Wood**, *Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit*

**Hon. Ruben Castillo**, *Chief Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Hon. Timothy C. Evans**, *Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County*

### The Way Forward: Findings from the Survey on Women Lawyers as Lead Counsel and Trial Counsel in Litigation

(1:15-2:00 p.m.)

Stephanie Scharf and Roberta Liebenberg conducted the study and wrote "First Chairs at Trial: More Women Need Seats at the Table, A Research Report on the Participation of Women Lawyers as Lead Counsel and Trial Counsel in Litigation" based on a random sample of all cases filed in 2013 in the Northern District of Illinois. They used the Pacer system and randomly selected 558 civil cases and 50 criminal cases. The findings from their study and recommendations for best practices going forward will be discussed.

Moderator:

**Sharon Jones**, *CEO, Jones Diversity*

Panelists:

**Roberta D. Liebenberg**, *Partner, Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C.*

**Stephanie A. Scharf**, *Partner, Scharf Banks Marmor LLC*

### Benefits of Female Trial Counsel: Views from the Box

(2:00-2:45 pm)

This panel will explore the views and perceptions of juries, and why more and more jurors expect to see women taking active roles in trials. We will discuss the psychological impact that female trial counsel may have on some jurors, as well as the importance of diverse communication and litigation style within trial teams. Finally, we will discuss litigation and advocacy benefits that can be overlooked or lost when trial teams are monolithic in appearance and approach.

Moderator:

**David Weisman**, *Partner, Miller Shakman & Beem*

Panelists:

**Hon. Ruben Castillo**, *Chief Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Shari Seidman Diamond**, *Howard J. Trienens Professor of Law, Northwestern Law School, Professor of Psychology, Northwestern University*

**Dennis Donoghue**, *Jury Consultant, Donoghue & Associates, Inc.*

**Hon. Amy J. St. Eve**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**BREAK** (2:45-3:00 p.m.)

### Women Lawyers on Trial Teams: How In-House Counsel are Making a Difference

(3:00-4:00 p.m.)

This distinguished panel of top in-house counsel from across the country will discuss how companies are ensuring that women have important roles on trial teams. Panelists will examine how having women as key trial counsel enhances advocacy and improves the effectiveness of trial teams. Having in-house counsel insist on women at counsel table is one of the best ways to increase the number and experiences of women in the courtroom.

Moderator:

**Mark Filip**, *Partner, Kirkland & Ellis*

Panelists:

**Sharon Barner**, *Vice President & General Counsel, Cummins, Inc.*

**Darryl Bradford**, *Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Exelon Corporation*

**Doug Lankler**, *Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Pfizer*

**Susie Lees**, *Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Allstate Insurance Company*

**Sandra Phillips**, *Group Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, Toyota Motor North America*

**Juliette Pryor**, *Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, US Foods*

**Laura J. Schumacher**, *Executive Vice President, Business Development, External Affairs and General Counsel, Abbvie*

### Getting Real World Trial Experience: Tips from Experienced Trial Lawyers

(4:00-4:45 p.m.)

This panel will examine how top female trial attorneys have been able to gain experience in the courtroom and achieve success. The panelists include male and female lawyers from both the government and private sector. The panel will discuss, among other things, the importance of not only staffing trial teams with women but also ensuring that they play significant roles on those teams and gain the skills necessary to develop into seasoned trial lawyers. It will also focus on the efforts and tactics those in different areas in the legal community can use to play a part in increasing the numbers of female trial lawyers.

Moderator:

**Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott**, *Partner, Kaye Scholer*

Panelists:

**Zachary T. Fardon**, *United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois*

**Cindy Giacchetti**, *Law Office of Cynthia Giacchetti*

**Jeanne M. Gills**, *Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP*

**Richard C. Godfrey**, *Partner, Kirkland & Ellis*

**Hariklia "Carrie" Karis**, *Partner, Kirkland & Ellis*

**Adria E. Mossing**, *Partner, Mossing & Navarre, LLC*

**Ronald S. Safer**, *Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila*

**BREAK** (4:45-5:00 p.m.)

## A View From the Bench

(5:00-5:45 p.m.)

A panel of judges will talk about what judges observe in terms of lead female trial counsel and what judges can do to help increase the number of women trying cases. The judges will discuss helping young female lawyers get courtroom experience through appointments, mentoring, and encouraging women to have a role during trials and hearings. This session is intended to be interactive, so the judges welcome questions from audience participants and suggestions for additional steps judges might take to promote a diverse trial bar.

Moderator:

**Hon. Virginia Kendall**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

Panlists:

**Hon. Charles P. Burns**, *Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County*

**Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Hon. John Z. Lee**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Hon. LeRoy K. Martin, Jr.**, *Presiding Judge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County*

**Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

## Closing

**Hon. Amy J. St. Eve**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Patricia Brown Holmes**, *Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP*

## Reception at The Chicago Bar Association

(5:45-7:30 p.m.)

Please join us at CBA Headquarters, 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, for mingling, light appetizers and libations.

### Planning Committee

**Hon. Amy J. St. Eve**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Chair)*

**Patricia Brown Holmes**, *Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (Co-Chair)*

**Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Hon. Rebecca Pallmeyer**, *United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

**Matt Crowl**, *Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP*

**Christina Egan**, *Partner, McGuireWoods LLP*

**Erica Kirkwood**, *Deputy General Counsel, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services*

**Kilby McFadden**, *Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General*

**Julie Porter**, *Chief, Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois*

**David Weisman**, *Partner, Miller Shakman & Beem*



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