

JUSTICE (RET.) MATHIAS W. DELORT

EDUCATION

- **Juris Doctor**, THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL [Now known as the UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL], 1985; Dean's Academic Scholarship recipient
- **Master of Public Administration**, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 2017
Elected to Pi Alpha Alpha honor society for public administration students
Capstone: *Governmental Regulation and Taxation of Plastic Bags*
- **Bachelor of Science, cum laude** (Mathematics), DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, 1981
- Honors graduate, ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Chicago, 1978;
Received president's academic scholarship after placing among top five students on entrance exam; Member, National Honor Society
- **Certified Mediator**, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT RENO/NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE, December, 2023
- Course work partially completed for Master of Judicial Studies degree, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT RENO/NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL

CURRENT:

- **Mediator/Arbitrator**, American Arbitration Association (September 2024-present)
Member: Commercial, Consumer, Health, Employment, Consumer Mediation and UM panels
- **Mediator/Arbitrator/Special Master**, Resolute Systems (October 2023-present)
- **Administrative Law Judge**, Various Illinois governmental bodies (December 2023-present)

PAST:

- **Justice**, Illinois Appellate Court, First District (Cook County) (December, 2012 - September 2023), elected with over 1,300,000 votes - hear appeals from all divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, research and draft opinions, orders, dissents and related judicial documents; served as Presiding Justice of several court divisions
- **Adjunct Professor**, The John Marshall Law School (2007 - 2013), taught courses on local government law, and on voting rights/election law
- **Associate Judge**, Circuit Court of Cook County, IL (April, 2007 - December, 2012) - Assigned to Chancery Division (May, 2007 - December, 2012), presided over a docket consisting of over 8,000 pending mortgage foreclosure and real estate lien cases - prepared for and presided over two high-volume daily court calls - issued over 100 written opinions primarily in the areas of banking, civil procedure, and commercial law
- **Attorney at Law**, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., Chicago (shareholder/partner 2002 - 2007, associate 1998 - 2001) - practice concentrated in representation of local governments, public school districts and community colleges, and election law - served as chairman of firm's Local Government Practice Group and of the firm's Library and Technology Committee
- **Attorney at Law**, Odelson & Sterk, Ltd., Evergreen Park (partner 1995 - 1998, associate 1988 - 1995) - practice concentrated in representation of local governments, public school districts, and election law
- **Attorney at Law**, Law Offices of Mathias W. Delort, Chicago (1985 - 1988) - general practice with concentration in election law

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- Practice specialties included constitutional law, public pension law, land use and zoning, finance and tax, governmental ethics, ordinance administration, election law, and public access law
- Served as chief legal counsel at more than 1,500 official meetings of public bodies
- Personally argued six Illinois Supreme Court cases and more than thirty federal and state appellate court cases
- Handled election contests, campaign finance hearings, and petition objections for political candidates, committees and elected officials at the local, state and federal levels
- Extensive experience as village attorney and prosecutor for numerous suburban municipalities
- Served as a Special Assistant Cook County State's Attorney (1990-1991) and Special Assistant Chicago Corporation Counsel in civil matters (2024)
- **Administrative Assistant/Chief of Staff**, Cook County Commissioner Daniel P. O'Brien, Chicago (1982 - 1985) - managed office of elected county board member; reviewed and drafted correspondence; organized witnesses, exhibits and research papers for public hearings; attended board meetings; researched legislative issues; drafted ordinances and publications; served as community ombudsman and public relations/press liaison
- **Administrative Assistant/Chief of Staff**, Illinois State Representative Daniel P. O'Brien, Chicago (1979 - 1982) - managed office of elected state legislator; reviewed and drafted correspondence; organized witnesses, exhibits and research papers for public hearings; attended legislative sessions; researched legislative issues; drafted bills, amendments, and publications; served as community ombudsman and public relations/press liaison
- **Legislative Aide**, Illinois House Democratic Staff, Springfield (1981 session) - served as staff member assigned to House Insurance Committee; researched and wrote analyses of pending legislation dealing with insurance regulation, higher education, and related issues; manager of staff which prepared demographic data for computerized decennial redistricting system

ADJUDICATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Administrative hearing officer, Villages of Park Ridge, Evergreen Park and Orland Park; adjudicated cases involving violations of building, housing and motor vehicle ordinances (approximately 1999 - 2007)
- Administrative hearing officer for the State Board of Elections, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (various dates 1987 - 2002)

AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

- Board Member, NORTH SUBURBAN BAR ASSOCIATION, 2025-present
- Catholic Lawyer of the Year award, CHICAGO CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD, 2023
- Member, ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE, 2022-present
- First District Chair, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE, 2022-2023
- Member, ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT E-BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 2022-present
- Presidential Service Award, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION, December 2021
- Robert J. Mangler Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement, ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, February 2020
- Chair, ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE, First District, 2019 - 2020
- Member, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS BENCHMARK EDITORIAL BOARD, 2017-present

- Member, ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, 2019 - 2021
- Judge Howard Markey award for outstanding judicial service, THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL, November, 2017
- Member, PI ALPHA ALPHA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY for Public Administration, 2017
- “Court of Honor” award for outstanding judicial service, CHICAGO VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES, April, 2012
- Member, ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE COMMITTEE, 2011 - 2014
- Member, ILLINOIS APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, 2011 - present
- Local Government Fellow, INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION; first Illinois attorney to ever receive this designation, which is granted by examination, 2004 - 2009
- “Super Lawyer”, Cities and Municipalities Law, LAW & POLITICS MAGAZINE, 2006
- “Leading Lawyer”, CHICAGO LAW BULLETIN PUBLISHING COMPANY, 2006 (Local Government); 2025 (Arbitration)
- Member, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PENSION ATTORNEYS, 2006 - 2007
- Annual Litigation Award, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, 2007
- Member, Board of Directors, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION, 2010 - 2016
- Member, Board of Directors, CHICAGO CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD, 2011 - present
- Member, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, 1984 - present
- Member, INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, 1998 - 2007
- Member, INTERNATIONAL MENSA SOCIETY, 1970 - present
- Distinguished Service Award, ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP CLERKS ASSOCIATION, 2004
- Past Chairman, Constitutional, Election and Local Government law committees, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION
- Legal Eagle Award for *Pro Bono* Litigation, INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF ILLINOIS/INDEPENDENT PRECINCT ORGANIZATION, 1992
- Member, Board of Managers, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, 2000 - 2002
- Chairman, VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK ZONING BOARD, 1996 - 1998
- Member, VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK ZONING BOARD, 1994 - 1996
- Member, Home Rule Attorneys Committee, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, 1990 - 2007
- Member, Advisory Committee, PROJECT LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts), 1990 - 2000
- Local School Council Volunteer Election Monitor, CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1991, 1993, and 1996
- Member and Subcommittee Chair, COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR’S COMMITTEE ON MOTOR VOTER IMPLEMENTATION, 1994
- Member, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, 1993 (as designee of Project LEAP - Legal Elections in All Precincts)
- Chair, Election Law Committee, Young Lawyers Section, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, 1986-1987
- President, NORTH TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 1985 - 1987
- Member, DePAUL UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, 1980 - 1981
- Member, All-University Judicial Board, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, 1980 - 1981
- Member, Faculty Promotion Board, Mathematics Department, DePAUL UNIVERSITY, 1980 - 1981
- Board Member, NORTH TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 1979 - 1988 (Also served as Treasurer and Chair of Youth, By-Laws and Budget Committees and as the Council’s representative to the North Town Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Truman College Council, Chicago Board of Education District 2 Advisory Council, and 20th District Police Steering Committee)
- Member, ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY, 1979 - 1981
- Member, BLUE KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, 1979 - 1981
- Member, PHI ETA SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, 1979
- Awardee, WILLIAM J. COOK SCHOLAR, 1978, 1979, 1980
- Awardee, ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLAR, 1978
- Awardee, NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENT, 1978
- Awardee, MARQUETTE NATIONAL BANK SCHOLARSHIP, 1978

- Reporter, *DePAULIA*, DePAUL UNIVERSITY STUDENT NEWSPAPER, 1978 - 1981

PUBLICATIONS

- *Behind the Scenes of Norman v. Reed with Justice Stevens: How a Local Chicago Political Battle Resulted in an Unlikely (And Rare) Supreme Court Case on the Rights of New Political Parties*, JOURNAL OF SUPREME COURT HISTORY (forthcoming November 2025)
- *Tips for Effective Appellate Advocacy*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *Record* (July/August 2023)
- Federal Court Halts New Judicial Campaign Donation Law, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION *ALERT* (October 2022)
- *New Election Law Targets Judicial Campaign Fundraising*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION *GAVEL NEWSLETTER* (January 2022)
- *Rules of the Appellate Court of Illinois, First Judicial District*, ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT (May 2021)
- *Working Remotely as an Appellate Justice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (June 2020)
- *Luddites Beware: Appellate Court Practice in the Electronic Age*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (April 2019)
- *So, You Want to Become a Judicial Law Clerk?* CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (October 2018)
- *Federal Court Upholds Judicial Ethics Rules*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION *The Gavel* (July 2018)
- *Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Mortgage Foreclosure Bench Book* (Editor-in-Chief and primary author) (2018)
- *U. S. Supreme Court Approves Ban on Judges Soliciting Campaign Contributions*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION *The Gavel* (July 2015)
- *Three Years and Counting: the Illinois Judicial Privacy Act in Operation*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION *The Gavel* (January 2015)
- *Supreme Court Adopts New Foreclosure Rules*, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION *BENCH AND BAR NEWSLETTER* (May 2013)
- *Circuit Court of Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Bench Book* (June, 2011; 2013 supp.)
- Book Review - *The Illinois State Constitution: A Reference Guide*, by Ann Lousin, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (June - July 2010)
- Book Review - *Battleground Chicago: The Police and the 1968 Democratic National Convention*, by Frank Kusch, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (October 2008)
- *Motions to Stay Foreclosure Sales: A Practical Approach*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION *RECORD* (May 2008)
- *Police and Fire Pension Administration* (chapter author), MUNICIPAL LAW (IICLE 2007, 2008 supp., 2012)
- *America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights* (peer review editor) (AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2008)
- *Municipal Elections*, (chapter co-author), MUNICIPAL LAW (IICLE 2000, 2005, 2008 supp., 2012)
- *Curfew Ordinances and Regulating the Activities of Minors*, MUNICIPAL LAWYER, (March-April 2006)
- *School Elections* (chapter co-author), SCHOOL LAW (IICLE 2005, 2012)
- *Referenda, Election Day Administration and Municipal Elections* (chapter co-author), ELECTION LAW (IICLE 2002, 2005 supp., 2007, 2009 supp., 2012)
- *Election Law* (editor-in-chief) (IICLE 2002, 2005 supp., 2007, 2009 supp., 2012)
- *Municipal Redistricting: Are You in Compliance?* ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE *REVIEW* (April 2002)
- *The Role of Campaign Finance and Political Partisanship on Minority Voter Access and Participation*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, NEW ORLEANS, LA (September 2001)
- *City's Persistent Failure to Transmit Tax Levy Results in Novel Judicial Remedy*, ILLINOIS POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND *NEWSLETTER* (May 2000)

- *The Illinois Ethics and Gift Ban Act*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REVIEW (August 1999)
- *Township Clerks' Handbook* (editor-in-chief), ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP CLERKS ASSOCIATION (1999, 2004)
- *Commentary: Take the Politics out of Local Election Challenges*, DAILY SOUTHTOWN (1997)
- *Let the Sunshine In: the New Illinois Open Meetings Act*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION RECORD (September 1995)
- *Recounts and Election Contests*, (chapter co-author), ELECTION LAW (IICLE 1991, 1995, 1998 supp.)
- *Municipalities: the Billboard Controversy*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REVIEW (January 1993)
- *Waging Another Remap War in Springfield*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION RECORD (February 1992)
- *Judicial Remap Will Have Unexpected Effect*, YLS JOURNAL OF THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION (December 1986)
- *Election Contests: an Inside View*, YLS JOURNAL OF THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION (December 1986)
- *Manual of Procedures for Census-to-Precinct Equivalency Tasks*, ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (July 1981)

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES

- *Arbitration Clauses in Governmental Contracts*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (September 2025)
- *From the Bench to the Table: Perspectives on Arbitration and Mediation*, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (May 2025)
- *Referenda in Illinois*, CITY OF CHICAGO LAW DEPARTMENT (June 2024)
- *Unique Appellate Strategies*, APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (May 2024)
- *Court-Election Official Preparation for Elections*, session at *Election Challenges & Disputes: Ruling Fairly and Ethically*, NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE (March 2024)
- *What do Justice Stevens' Secret Archives Reveal About Norman v. Reed?*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE (February 2024)
- *Bridge to Practice-Appellate Litigation*, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL (February 2024; September 2025)
- Panelist, *Judicial Branch Independence: Why it Matters: A Conversation About Judicial Selection Models*, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION/ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION MID-YEAR MEETING (December 2023)
- *Moot Court Competition Judge*, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL HERZOG MOOT COURT COMPETITION (November 2023, August 2024, April 2025)
- Panelist, *Judicial Privacy and Security*, COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUSTICES/NEW ENGLAND REGION DC (October 2023)
- Panelist, *Judicial Privacy and Security*, NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE, Washington, DC (July 2023)
- *The Illinois Judicial Privacy Act and How Lawyers Can Help Promote the Security of the Legal Profession*, ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (June 2023)
- *Transitioning from Bench to Bar*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS NEW JUDGES CONFERENCE (May 2023)
- *Civil Update*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS APPELLATE COURT CONFERENCE (April 2023)
- *Ethics for Law Clerks*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS APPELLATE COURT CONFERENCE (April 2023)
- *Appellate Court Practice*, ADVOCATES SOCIETY (March 2023)
- *Moot Court Competition Judge*, ANDERSON SEVENTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT COMPETITION (March 2023)
- *Appellate Court Roundtable*, APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (January 2023)
- *Ethics Issues for Retention Judges*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION (August 2022)

- *Transitioning from the Bench to Bar, New Judges Orientation*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS (May 2022)
- *Civil Update*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, Lombard, IL (April and June 2022)
- *Campaign Ethics*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, Lombard, IL (April and June 2022)
- *Practice Tips and Court Updates*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE (March 2022)
- *COVID and the Courts*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (December 2021)
- *Road to the Robe*, UIC LAW SCHOOL (November 2021)
- *Judicial Clerkship Program*, UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL (February 2021)
- *Criminal Appeals in Illinois: An Introduction to Law and Procedure*, ILLINOIS STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER (July 2020)
- *Rules of the Appellate Court, First District*, ILLINOIS STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER *PRO BONO* PROGRAM (May 2020)
- *Serving as a Judicial Law Clerk*, UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL (March 2020) (Panel Member)
- *Campaign Ethics*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE (November 2019)
- *How to Not Get Reversed on Appeal*, DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (September 2019)
- *Review of Section 9(g) of the Illinois Condominium Property Act*, CONDOMINIUM LAW SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION REAL PROPERTY LAW COMMITTEE, May, 2019
- *Civil Case Update*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JOINT APPELLATE COURT CONFERENCE, Lombard, IL, April, 2019
- *Moot Court Judge*, NATIONAL CHRISTIAN FORENSICS AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (April 2019)
- *Campaign Ethics*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS NEW JUDGES CONFERENCE (February 2019)
- *In-Service Training for 2019 Election Cases*, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, COUNTY DIVISION JUDGES, December, 2018
- *Local Election Law 101: Issues and Reform*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE, December, 2018
- *Keynote Speaker*, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONFERENCE, June, 2018
- *Panel Member, Philosophy of President Abraham Lincoln*, ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL VALUES DAY, April, 2018
- *Campaign Ethics*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (February and April 2018), (February 2020)
- *Moot Court Judge*, APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, November, 2017
- *Mock Trial Judge*, ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION, November, 2017 and October, 2018
- *Primer on Appellate Practice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, October 2017 (on-line video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnIWh32CEOo>)
- *Appellate Judges Roundtable*, APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, March 2017
- *Ethics for Judicial Law Clerks and Staff*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS APPELLATE CONFERENCE, Springfield, IL, May, 2017
- *Appellate Practice*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE, Bloomington, IL, March, 2017
- *Mock Trial Judge*, ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, March, 2017
- *Sovereign Citizens in the Courtroom*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION MUNICIPAL LAW COMMITTEE, April, 2016

- *Judicial Campaigns in Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution*, THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL - ILLINOIS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CLASS (April 2016)
- *Campaign Ethics*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (February and April 2016)
- *Appellate Practice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW COMMITTEE, January, 2016
- *Judicial Panel, Civil Appellate Practice Institute*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, November 2015
- *Judicial Roundtable for Newly-Admitted Attorneys*, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, May, 2015
- *Appellate Practice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION MUNICIPAL LAW COMMITTEE, May, 2015
- *Mock Trial Judge*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION CLE COMMITTEE, March 2015 (jointly held with Spanish government judges in Barcelona, Spain)
- *The Judicial Privacy Act*, Annual Illinois Appellate Court Conference, Springfield, April 2015
- *I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now: A New Justice's Perspective on Effective Appellate Advocacy*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE, January 2015; CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION MUNICIPAL LAW COMMITTEE, May, 2015
- *A View from the Bench and Early & Often: A Look at Local Governmental Consolidated Elections* (two separate presentations), SECOND ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW INSTITUTE, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, (December 2014)
- *Appellate Practice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW COMMITTEE, November 2014
- *State and Federal Election Law*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, moderator (October 2014)
- *Sovereign Citizens*, ANNUAL JUDICIAL SEMINAR, CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, Lake County, Illinois (October 2014)
- *Enhancing Judicial Transparency Through Written Opinions*, INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE/CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, presentation to visiting legal writing instructors from the People's Republic of China (July 2014)
- *Dealing with Self-Represented Litigants*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (January and April 2014)
- *Ethics for Judicial Candidates*, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, (December 2013)
- *The Election: Slating, Cost of Elections and Ballot Challenges*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION CLE COMMITTEE, "Do You Want to Become a Circuit Court Judge?", September 2012
- *Judicial Administration of Receivers in Foreclosure Cases*, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, CHANCERY DIVISION IN-SERVICE, May 2013
- *Appellate Practice*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE, May 2013
- *The Election: Slating, Cost of Elections and Ballot Challenges*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION CLE COMMITTEE, "Do You Want to Become a Circuit Court Judge?", September 2012
- *A View from the Bench*, ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, September 2012
- *State and Federal Election Law*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, August 2012 (Moderator)
- Keynote Speaker, *The Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis: A Discussion of Current Issues, Trends, and Solutions*, NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM (April 2012)
- *Dividing the Marital Debt*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (January and April 2012)
- *Mortgage Foreclosure*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (January and April 2012)
- *Current Affairs in the Mortgage Foreclosure Section*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION REAL ESTATE LAW COMMITTEE (May 2011)
- *Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program*, VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST (May 2011)

- *Running for Public Office*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION (October 2010)
- *If I Knew then What I Know Now - A New Judge's Perspective on Effective Civil Litigation Advocacy*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE (June 2010)
- *Self-Represented Litigants*, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, CHANCERY DIVISION JUDGES (December 2009)
- *Ask a Judge - 8:00 Call - the Mortgage Foreclosure Section*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION (May 2009)
- *Mortgage Foreclosures* - IICLE MUNICIPAL LAW CONFERENCE, "Preparing for the Hard Times," Chicago and Springfield (January 2009)
- *Election Law in America*, MASARYK SCHOOL OF LAW, Brno, Czech Republic (October 2008)
- *Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Ordinance Violations in Cook County*, PARK RIDGE ROTARY CLUB (August 2008)
- *Overview of the Cook County Court System*, CHICAGO AREA MENSA SOCIETY (August 2008)
- *Tort Immunity in the School Setting*, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF ILLINOIS COURTS JUDICIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (February 2009)
- *Overview of the Mortgage Foreclosure Section*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (April 2008)
- *The Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Act*, THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL - PREDATORY LENDING CLASS (April 2008 and November 2008)
- *Mock Trial Judge*, CHICAGO COALITION FOR LAW-RELATED EDUCATION (April 2008 and April 2009)
- *Moot Court Judge*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION (March 2008)
- *Running for Judge in Cook County - Campaign Finance Laws*, COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (September 2007)
- *The Public Safety Employee Benefit Act and Intervention by Municipalities in Pension Board Cases Involving Catastrophic Injuries*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL ATTORNEYS' CONFERENCE, Bloomington, IL (2007)
- *Illinois Campaign Finance* - BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (2007)
- *The Cook County Associate Judge Nominating Process*, UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF CHICAGO - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (May 2007)
- *Curfew Ordinances and Regulating the Activities of Minors*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ATTORNEYS' SESSION (2006)
- *E-Mail Communications and the Illinois Open Meetings Act*, ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FINANCE ASSOCIATION (2006)
- *Referendum Do's and Don'ts*, ILLINOIS SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (2006)
- *The Basics: Township Clerks' Duties . . . Do's and Don'ts*, TOWNSHIP CLERKS OF ILLINOIS CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR (2005)
- *Responsibilities of Pension Fund Trustees*, ILLINOIS PUBLIC PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2005)
- *Election Law Update*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2005)
- *Nuts and Bolts for Township Clerks*, TOWNSHIP CLERKS OF ILLINOIS CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR (2005)
- *In-Service, Recent Open Meetings Act Changes and Top Ten Tips for Effective Meetings*, VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST (2004)
- *Election Duties of Municipal Clerks*, SOUTH SUBURBAN MUNICIPAL CLERKS (2004)
- *Overview of the Township Clerks' Handbook*, ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP CLERKS ASSOCIATION (2004)
- *Ethics and Recordkeeping for Pension Boards*, ILLINOIS PUBLIC PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL (Schaumburg 2004, Peoria 2005)
- *The Formation of the South Suburban Airport Authority*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (2004)
- *In-Service, Ethics Laws*, HARPER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS (2003)

- *Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Ordinance Violations*, LORMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (2003)
- *Recent Open Meetings Act and Ethics Law Changes*, ED-RED COUNCIL MEETING (2003)
- *Community College Law*, ROBBINS SCHWARTZ CLIENT CONFERENCE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS, (2003)
- *Local Government Primer for Newly-Elected Officials*, ROBBINS SCHWARTZ CLIENT CONFERENCE (2003)
- *New Legislation*, ROBBINS SCHWARTZ CLIENT CONFERENCE - SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (2003)
- *In-Service, Recent Open Meetings Act and Ethics Law Changes*, BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53 (2003)
- *Retrospective on the Graham v. Reid Election Contest*, PROJECT LEAP (2003)
- *The Help America Vote Act*, INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2003)
- *Non-Home Rule Impact Fees*, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2003)
- *Petition Circulation Pointers*, INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF ILLINOIS/INDEPENDENT PRECINCT ORGANIZATION (2003)
- *New Municipal Law and Ethics Developments*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2003)
- *What Municipal Lawyers Need to Know About New Election Law Developments*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS SEMINAR (2003)
- *How a Governmental Body Should Comply with the Freedom of Information Act*, LORMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (2002, 2003, 2004)
- *Zoning and Land Use in Illinois: Billboard and Sign Regulation*, LORMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (2002)
- *Campaign Finance Law*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION (2001, 2003)
- *Election Law Update*, DUPAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (2001)
- *Staying Out of Trouble: What Circumstances Create a Conflict of Interest?* ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (2001)
- *Chicago Politics Comes to the Suburbs: What Municipal Attorneys Should Know About the 1999 Elections*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (1998)
- *Municipal Election Issues in Cook and DuPage Counties*, DUPAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (1997)
- *Panelist, Election Law*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION "YOU AND THE LAW" TELEVISION PROGRAM (1996)
- *Recent Developments in Election Law*, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1995)
- *Moot Court Judge*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION MOOT COURT COMPETITION (1994-1996)
- *Staying on the Ballot: Defending Against Petition Challenges*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE SEMINAR (1993, 1995, 1998)
- *Running for Judicial Election Under Cook County's New Subcircuits: Objections to Your Opponent's Candidacy*, ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION (1991)
- *Preparing a Challenge Before the Electoral Board*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION LAW COMMITTEE (1989)
- *Election Day Polling Place Monitoring*, BALANOFF FOR ALDERMAN CAMPAIGN (1988)
- *Shall We Revise, Amend or Pass: the 1990 Illinois Constitutional Convention Referendum*, FILIPINO-AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHICAGO (1988)
- *Electoral Boards*, IICLE ELECTION LAW SEMINAR (1986)

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND RELATED WORK

- Expert witness on political redistricting, *Ketchum v. Byrne*, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1984
- Expert witness on Illinois ballot access procedures, *Paull v. Zapolsky*, Circuit Court of Cook County, 2000
- Appointed Special Master in Chancery by Hon. John N. Hourihane, served *pro bono*, *Gonzalez v. Casa Aztlan*, 1994
- Appointed as Public Member of Village of Elmwood Park, Village of River Forest, Village of Tinley Park, Village of Maywood, Cook County, Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233, Thornton Township and School District 148 Electoral Boards by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Appointed as Public Member of the Milton Township Electoral Board by the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County
- Appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Mortgage Foreclosure Committee; served as co-chair of the Practice and Procedure Subcommittee
- Appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Program as Chair of the Mortgage Foreclosure Forms Subcommittee

JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS FOR APPELLATE COURT, 2012

- **WELL QUALIFIED**, CHICAGO COUNCIL OF LAWYERS: “As a practitioner, Judge Delort has extensive experience in municipal and election law at the trial and appellate court levels. He was well-respected as an able and well-prepared practitioner with good legal ability and temperament. As a jurist, he reportedly listens well and responds clearly and decisively. He is respected for his knowledge of the law and for his excellent temperament. He issues written opinions which he posts to Westlaw. He continues to write and lecture extensively. The Council finds Judge Delort Well Qualified for the Appellate Court.”
- **HIGHLY QUALIFIED**, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION: “Judge Mathias William Delort is “Highly Qualified” for the office of Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Delort was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985 and concentrated his practice in local government, education, election law, and appellate practice. Judge Delort became an Associate Judge in 2007 and is currently assigned to the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section in the Chancery Division. Judge Delort is well regarded for his knowledge of the law, work ethic, and organizational and writing skills.”
- **HIGHLY QUALIFIED**, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION: “Judge Delort demonstrated significant litigation experience practicing municipal and election law at both the trial and appellate court levels. He received positive marks for his legal knowledge and ability and for his judicial temperament. For the 2012 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association determined Hon. Mathias Delort is highly qualified to serve as a justice of the Illinois Appellate Court.”
- **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, RECOMMENDED OR QUALIFIED** ratings by all other Bar Alliance member organizations, including the Asian-American Bar Association, Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, Women’s Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association, Hellenic Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers’ Association, Puerto Rican Bar Association, and the Hispanic Lawyers Association.
- **CHICAGO TRIBUNE EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT** - February 28, 2012: “Six candidates are running in a very strong field. The best is Circuit Judge Mathias Delort, who is known as a workhorse in the Chancery Division. He has argued six cases before the Illinois Supreme Court and has extensive experience in election law. Appointed to the bench in 2007, Delort has quickly become a leader on judicial procedure. He was found ‘well qualified’ by the Chicago

Council of Lawyers and 'highly qualified' by the Chicago Bar Association."

- **CHICAGO VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES "COURT OF HONOR" AWARD CITATION, APRIL 2012:** "As a judge in the Chancery Division hearing foreclosure cases, Judge Delort has an exceptionally busy, challenging courtroom, facing scores of homeowners daily who are afraid and don't know what to do. Despite the rigors of his call, Judge Delort handles each case with care and concern and treats each litigant and attorney with respect. That patience, intelligence and demeanor extends to pro bono attorneys who enjoy appearing before him, no matter how difficult the case. Judge Delort works to ensure that pro se litigants have access to pro bono legal services and that attorneys are encouraged to volunteer their services for low-income homeowners."

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Proficient in Excel, MS Word, WordPerfect, and PowerPoint