



# Illinois Civil Justice League

**Candidate: Mary Seminara-Schostok**

## **Resume**

### **MARY SEMINARA-SCHOSTOK**

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **EDUCATION**

- 1982 Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio  
**B.S. in Business Education (Minor in Business)**
- 1986 Capital University College of Law, Columbus, Ohio  
**Juris Doctorate**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

August, 2008 To Current	APPELLATE COURT JUDGE	2 <sup>nd</sup> District, Elgin, IL
May, 1998 August, 2008	ASSOCIATE JUDGE/ CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Lake County, Illinois	Presiding over Felony, Probate, Civil Litigation Supervising Judge; Deputy Chief Judge
June, 1988- May, 1998	ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY Lake County State's Attorney's Office Waukegan, Illinois *Assistant/Trial Attorney *Supervising Attorney – Special Investigations Division/Juvenile Division	Handled Traffic Matters and Domestic Violence Cases; Prosecuted all Criminal Matters, from Traffic to Major Felonies, including Murder Cases and Gang; Also Prosecuted Child Sexual and Physical Abuse/Assault Matters, including Child Murder Cases.

Fall, 1986-	Attorney	Performed Creditor
Summer, 1987	Bernstein and Bernstein	Committee Work

**Recipient of the Fred L. Foreman Award (which focuses on one’s dedication in the prosecution of child sexual/physical abuse), as presented by the Lake County Children’s Advocacy Center.**

**Recipient of the Lake County Bar Associations’ President’s Award (focusing on one’s dedication and efforts to advocate for and protect children in the legal system and in the legal community).**

**Recipient of Award from the Illinois Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators, for outstanding performance in Arson Investigations, and prosecutions.**

**Recipient of the Benedict Ori Award for her distinguished service to the legal community and the People of Lake County.**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT**

***Past Affiliations***

- Lake County Illinois Juvenile Fire Setter’s Task Force
- Fighting Back – Healthy Child and Family Committee
- College of Lake County Community Task Force
- LaCasa Sexual Assault Task Force
- Lake County Chiefs of Police Training Committee
- **Special Counsel to Lake County Chiefs of Police**  
(as a part of my job duties at the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lake County
- Children’s Advocacy Center – Board Member, Chair of Fund Development, Chair of the “Friends of Committee” of the Advocacy Center
- Juvenile Officer’s Association  
“Friends of Committee” Member
  - Central Baptist
  - Victory Hospital
  - Foster Hope
- SHOCAP Committee Member
- RAPP Committee Member
- Waukegan Community Partnership
- Lake County Domestic Violence Council
- Kid’s Korner – Board Member  
(Children’s waiting room in Lake County Courthouse)
- The Lake County Haven – Board Member
- (Homeless Women’s Shelter)
- Public Relations Committee

19<sup>TH</sup> Judicial Circuit

- Loyola University School of Law – CIVITAS Child Law Center – Lecturer for Trial Presentation Course
- Participated in Sr. Law Day
- Red Ribbon Week, Co-Chair, Lake County Courthouse
- Red Ribbon Week, Presenter Village of Mundelein
- D.A.R.E. Graduation Speaker  
Waukegan Public Schools/Vernon Hills Public Schools
- Criminal Law Section Council – ISBA

***Current Affiliations:***

- *Second Vice President of the Illinois Judges Association*
- Criminal Law and Probation Committee – Chair (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)
- Mary Pat Maddex – Board Member (Women’s homeless shelter)
- Lake County After School Coalition
- Illinois Courts Commission (Alternate member)