



Illinois Civil Justice League

Candidate: **Abbey Fishman Romanek**
Vacancy: **Ninth Judicial District, Cook County Subcircuit**

ICJL 2010 Judicial Candidate Resume

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Experience:

2006-Present **Private Practice**

Private practice in commercial, civil and criminal litigation.

2004-2006 **Office of the Illinois Attorney General**

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau

- Indicted and prosecuted physicians, healthcare institutions, nursing homes, individuals and vendors for fraudulent billing activities.
- Investigated and prosecuted Medicaid related False Claims Act cases in State and Federal Court.
- Directed investigations to develop evidence for criminal and civil prosecution of Medicaid Fraud in association with Illinois State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and Department of Justice.
- AV® rating in Martindale-Hubbell.

Spring 2005 **IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law**

Adjunct Professor Trial Advocacy I

2001-2004 **Tucker Bower Robin & Romanek, LLC**

Founding Member

1998-2001 **Landau, Omahana, Tucker and Progar, LLC**

Member

- Handled primary practice of defending physicians in medical malpractice cases including written discovery, depositions, motion practice, trial, and appeal;

- Practice also included general liability defense; Illinois Department of Professional Regulation defense; product liability; medical device liability; construction liability; premises liability; legal malpractice; transportation liability; trucking liability; contract dispute resolution; union contract litigation; insurance coverage questions and litigation; and civil rights actions.
- Supervised and trained associates and paralegals. Developed and implemented associate supervision guidelines, training meetings, billing procedures and marketing techniques.
- Lectured to clients, insurance companies, hospitals, and physician practice groups regarding deposition preparation, defense management, HIPAA guidelines, risk management, and liability issues including print and Power Point presentations.

1995-1998 **Connelly & Schroeder**
Associate

1990-1995 **Cole, Grasso, Fencel & Skinner**
Associate

- Handled all aspects of insurance defense litigation under partner supervision.
- Drafted materials for publication in IDC Quarterly.
- Lectured on discovery rule issues for IDC Seminar.
- Researched and drafted materials for lectures given by partners.
- Researched and co-wrote IDC monograph.

1987-1990 **Private Criminal Defense Attorney**

- Defense of persons charged with misdemeanors and felonies.
- Tried cases to bench and juries ranging from capital murder to possession of controlled substances.
- Represented clients in Federal, State and Appellate Courts.

1986-1987 **Federal Defender Program**
Intern

- Defended persons charged with federal misdemeanors and felonies.
- Second chair in jury trials and Habeas Corpus hearings.

Education:

1984-1987 **IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law**
Juris Doctorate

- First place winner, Regional Trial Competition.
- Semi-finalist, National Trial Competition.
- Moot Court Society.
- Criminal Defense Clinic Intern.
- Researched and prepared materials for lecture to judicial conference for professor.

1978-1981 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Bachelor of Science – Elementary Education

- Student Teacher – London, England.
- Hebrew School Teacher.
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Community Leadership:

- Village of Wilmette Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Board of Directors Holocaust Museum Foundation of Illinois.
- Board of Directors Jewish Labor Committee.
- Museum Education Committee Holocaust Museum Foundation of Illinois.
- Chair, Connections for the Homeless Spring Benefit.
- Chair, Holocaust Remembrance Committee Night on the River Benefit.
- Finance Committee, Dan Seals for Congress.
- Finance Committee, Daniel Biss for State Representative.
- Chair, Beth Emet Sisterhood Formation.
- Beth Emet Soup Kitchen Site Supervisor.
- Vice Chair of Development, Holocaust Remembrance Committee.
- Delegate, Interfaith Action of Evanston.
- Federal Trial Bar Pro Bono.
- Assistant Producer, writer, and cast member, McKenzie School Variety Show.
- McKenzie School PTA various benefit committees.
- Highcrest Middle School Career Day presenter and benefit committees.
- Adult Education Book Discussion Coordinator, Beth Hillel Congregation.
- AIDS Council Pro Bono Attorney.
- Chicago High School Trial Advocacy Team Coach.
- IIT-Chicago Kent Trial Advocacy Team Coach and program judge.
- IIT-Chicago Kent Class Correspondent.
- Mount Sinai Hospital Junior Board.

Lectures:

- Illinois State Police Nursing Home Forums.
- Taxpayers Against Fraud Conference.
- Comcast Newsmakers.
- Chicago Medical Society Midwest Clinical Conference.
- Children’s Community Physician Association.
- Michael Reese Hospital.
- Chicago Hospital Risk Manager Society.
- IDC Seminar.
- Neurophysiology Conference.

Memberships:

- New Trier Democratic Organization.
- North Suburban Bar Association.

- Women's Bar Association.
- Decalogue Society of Lawyers.
- Defense Research Institute.
- Illinois Defense Counsel.
- Legal Marketing Association.
- Chicago Bar Association – Judicial Evaluation Committee.
- Chicago Bar Association – Homeless Committee.
- Chicago Bar Association – Defense of Prisoners Committee.
- Mount Sinai Hospital, Children's Hospital Fundraising Committee

Personal:

- Married, three children.
- Real Estate Sales License.
- Red Belt, Tae Kwon Do.
- Tennis Player.
- Co-ed Softball League.

My website is located at www.advocatesforabbey.com.