



Illinois Civil Justice League

Marvin Gray

Resume

- RESIDENCE 5125 South Drexel, First Apartment, Chicago, IL 60615, since 1976. Married to Delia J. Gray, Director of Broadcast Business Affairs for the Carol H. Williams Advertising Agency. We have three children and four grandchildren.
- OFFICE Law Offices of Marvin W. Gray located at 405 East Oakwood, Chicago, IL 60653 (773 268 0900), primarily a general civil litigation firm.
- EDUCATION Attended the Chicago Public Schools, graduated from Englewood High School as a member of its National Honor Society (1961).
- Attended the old Chicago Teachers College; graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1966 with the degree of Bachelor of (English) Education (1966).
- Attended Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent College of Law and graduated in June of 1972 with the degree of Juris Doctor.
- PROFESSIONAL Employment as a high school English teacher and Counselor with the Chicago Board of Education at Simeon Vocational High School (1966; 1970-1972).
- Employment as an outside Claims Adjuster for the Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company investigating and resolving bodily injury claims made against that company's insureds, both in and out of litigation (1967-1970).
- Employment as an Assistant Public Defender of Cook County in Preliminary Hearing courtrooms of Branches 24 and 66 (1972-1974).
- Employment as Associate Attorney with Braud, Warner & Neppel of Rock Island, Illinois in the Galesburg, Illinois office (1974-1975).
- Slated by the Democratic Party of Knox County, Illinois, in 1975, to run for States Attorney of that county but voluntarily withdrew my candidacy before the election, after consideration of the political persuasion of that county.
- Partner in the firm of Ward & Gray of Galesburg, Illinois (1975-1976).
- Employment as a trial lawyer in the Law Department of the Chicago Transit Authority (1987-1991). (During this service, the private practice was maintained simultaneously.)
- Formerly associated with the following law firms in space-sharing arrangements: Harth, Vital, Stroger, Boarman & Williams; James Montgomery & Associates; Cook, Mitchell and Black; Slaughter Williams and Gray; Howse, Howse, Neville and Gray; and Joseph M. O'Callaghan & Colleagues.

Past service as an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and as Arbitrator for the Mandatory Arbitration Program of the County of Cook.

LICENSURE

Passed the Illinois Bar in 1972 and licensed to practice law in the state in November of that year. Licensed to practice before the United States Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois (1972 and 1975, respectively).

ASSOCIATIONS

Present or past member of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Cook County Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Previously served as volunteer for the Cook County Bar Association's Community Law Project as a pro bono attorney for about 10 years.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Geneva Scott Outreach Services, a non-profit corporation that provides scholarship and financial assistance to Chicagoans who aspire to pursue higher education and to those who have encountered difficulty in paying their mortgages and keeping their homes.

Past President and Treasurer of the Nubian Connection of Chicago organization, a group of alumni of Southern Illinois University who provide scholarship aid to worthy African-American young people who reside in Chicago and aspire to attend Southern Illinois University. Past service on the Board of Directors of the Black Alumni Group of Southern Illinois University.

Past President and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast, a member club of the worldwide Rotary International service organization.

EXPERIENCE

Engaged in the self-employed private practice of law for 34 years, from 1972 to 1974 and from 1976 to the present. Evolved from criminal law to a current primary concentration in civil litigation in the areas of personal injury, domestic relations, probate law and contracts.

Established appellate court precedent in the case *Ross vs. Aryan International*, 219 Ill.App.3d 634, 580 N.E.2d 937, 162 Ill.Dec. 754, which set the parameters for the legal duty owed to a plaintiff injured by the negligence of a contractor having control of only a portion of the construction scene. (The jury had awarded the plaintiff, a postal employee who sustained a fractured arm when she tripped over a piece of construction material negligently left in the walkway of the post office, the sum of \$450,000.00 in damages.)

During service as defense attorney for the Chicago Transit Authority, conducted approximately 20 to 30 jury trials, all of which ended in a jury verdict in favor of the Authority and against the plaintiff.

Conducted various personal injury trials over the years in the Circuit Court of Cook County in behalf of plaintiffs, notably including *Elnora White v. Art's Transportation*, *Charles Jackson and Bruce Mitchell*, (92 L 10293) before Judge Donald O'Brien in 1993; jury returned a verdict in favor the plaintiff and awarded \$872,936 in damages.

In recent years, the practice has involved more contractual and probate activity. Presently represent condominium associations against errant owners and have been routinely appointed Special Administrator by His Honor Judge James Kennedy with respect to his problem probate matters.

REFERENCES

Recent Judges

1. Alexander P. White, Chicago (Room 2503/Daley Center) 312 603 5533

2. James W. Kennedy, Chicago (Room 1802/Daley Center) 312 603 6498
3. John B. Grogan, Chicago (Room 2407/Daley Center) 312 603 6037
4. Allen S. Goldberg, Chicago (Room 2303/Daley Center) 312 603 6078
5. Sheldon Garber, Chicago (Room 1404/Daley Center) 312 603 4864
6. Sheryl A. Pethers, Chicago (Room 1302/Daley Center) 312 603 6130

Other Judges

1. Timothy C. Evans, Chicago (Room 2600/Daley Center) 312 603 2600
2. Nathaniel Howse, Jr., Chicago (19 Floor/App Court) 312 603 5947
3. Justice P. Scott Neville, Chicago (Ste N-1910/App Court) 312 793 4484
4. William O. Maki, Chicago (Room 2302/Daley Center) 312 603 6041

Recent Opposing Attorneys

1. Kevin E. Slaughter, 35 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601 312 566 0040
2. Eric A. Freeland, 1900 Spring Rd., Ste 501, Oak Brook, IL 60523
630 684 0400
3. Matthew Sheahin, 208 S. LaSalle, Ste 1200, Chicago, IL 60604
312 332 2855
4. Jon A. Duncan, 1724 Sherman Ave., Ste 201, Evanston, IL 60201
847 492 9800
5. James Foster, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Ste 1040, Chicago, IL 60606
312 641 3100
6. Joel F. Handler, 55 W. Wacker Dr., Ste 950, Chicago, IL 60601
312 621 0008
7. Phyllis Y. Price, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Ste 1310, Chicago, IL 60602
312 379 0044

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST