

A. Christine Svenson

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Legal **Svenson Law Offices** March 2008 to present
Principal

- Employment law - Represent employers in all types of workplace litigation. Provide strategies to small and medium sized business entities related to compliance with federal and state employment laws and negotiation of separation agreements and restrictive covenants.
- Domestic relations law – Litigate family law matters involving custody, child support, property division, maintenance, orders of protection, and draft pre and post-nuptial agreements.
- Election law – See attached addendum.

Political **Cook County Republican Party** May 2012 to June 2017
General Counsel and Parliamentarian

Provided advice and counsel to the committee related to Robert’s Rules of Order, the by-laws and any amendments thereto, and other general legal matters including but not limited to the appointment and removal of committeemen, recruitment and training of election judges, ballot integrity, and collection.

Republican National Lawyers Association June 2008 to June 2017
Illinois State Party Chair and Board of Governors Member

Responsible for the recruitment and education of Illinois Republican lawyers with a particular emphasis on election law. Served as liaison to national association.

Policy **Federalist Society** January 2007 to present
Chicago Chapter Board Member

Coordinate all aspects of local events including issue and speaker selection, planning and promotion, and press management.

Languages Fluent in French, highly proficient in Spanish and Italian.

Education Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
Juris Doctor degree, June 1995

Northwestern University
Bachelor of Arts degree, European history, June 1991

Bar State of Illinois, 1995
Admissions U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2001

ADDENDUM OUTLINING ELECTION LAW EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTINE SVENSON

- PROSECUTE COMPLAINTS RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF THE ILLINOIS ELECTION CODE

Notable victory (before the Supreme Court of Illinois):

The Cook County Republican Party v. The Illinois State Board of Elections. 232 Ill.2d 231 (2009)

- COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE LAWS

Provide advice and counsel to candidates, political committees, and independent expenditure committees related to compliance with federal and state election laws. Have successfully defended clients before the Illinois State Board of Elections regarding campaign finance disclosure matters and complaints.

- PRE-ELECTION LITIGATION

Represent candidates related to ballot access and petition challenges. Have successfully appeared and argued before the following electoral boards and courts:

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois State Board of Elections (hearing officers and full board), Chicago Board of Election (hearing officers and Commissioners), Town of Cicero Electoral Board, Grafton Township, Palatine Township and City of Naperville.

Notable victories:

Imhoff v Collins, 12-SOEB GE 502
Fujio v Devane, 12-EB-WC-39
Feierstein v Phelan, 12-EB-WC-03
Guzman v Bocanegra, 12-EB-WC-14

- POST-ELECTION CONTEST LITIGATION

Have litigated and won significant post-election contests.

Notable victories:

8th Congressional District of Illinois race (Walsh v Bean 2010)
Retention race of Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Karmeier (5th District).

- FREQUENT TV GUEST POLITICAL COMMENTATOR
Beyond the Beltway, WYCC
In the Loop, WYCC PBS