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MCKOSKI RECIPIENT OF SERVICE AWARD

Circuit Judge Raymond McKoski was recognized at the joint midyear meeting of the Illinois Judges Association and the Illinois State Bar Association recently held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago.

During the yearly three day event, the Illinois Judges Association presents its annual awards. This year the Presidential Service Award was awarded by the Association to Lake County Circuit Judge Raymond McKoski and to Retired Cook County Judge Mel Jiganti. Judge McKoski received the award in recognition of his many contributions in the area of judicial ethics.

For 17 years Judge McKoski has served as Vice-Chair of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee. The Committee, a cooperative effort of the Illinois Judges Association and the Illinois and Chicago bar associations, assists judges in complying with the judicial conduct rules established by the state supreme court. He also serves on the ethics faculty at annual seminars conducted for newly appointed and elected Illinois judges. He is considered an expert by fellow judges on the judicial code of ethics and has published three articles on the topic.

Judges throughout the state adjust their schedules so they can attend various seminars and programs presented during the three day convention. Featured speakers included the Honorable Ann Claire Williams, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.