

- Next SSBA Members Meeting: February, 20, 2013 at Flossmoor Station.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! The SSBA has many wonderful events planned for 2013. Our main goal this year is to increase membership participation. I would encourage any of our members who want to get involved to do so, because now is the time! Whether it is attending our annual events, monthly meeting, CLE's, or volunteering to help out at our pro bono clinic, we hope to see you this year. Also, please consider joining a committee. There are many open committee positions and it is a great way to get involved. Please contact me at 708-233-6100, if interested. I look forward to serving the SSBA well this year.

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District 6 High School Mock Trial Competition

The Cook County Circuit Court is in need of volunteer attorney evaluators for the Circuit Court of Cook County Sixth Municipal District High School Mock Trial Competition scheduled for February 9, 2013. For more information, contact Dennis Dwyer at 708-233-6100.

SSBA Website Up and Running

Our new and improved website is up and running! Please visit www.southsuburbanbar.org and become a member. Benefits of becoming a member are our In-Court Bar program schedules, our board meetings monthly minutes, upcoming events, photos from previous events, etc, that may not be available for public viewing.

Attention SSBA Members:**SSBA Board Meeting**

The next SSBA Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Flossmoor Station. The **SSBA General Member's Meeting** will be held at 5:00 p.m.

2012 Holiday/Installation**Dinner Dance**

On Friday, December 7, 2012, we held our annual Holiday/Installation Dinner Dance. It was a great turnout and fun was had by all. This year we presented awards to the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and retiring Markham Judge William O'Neal.

Congratulations goes to Joanna Panici as she was our 2012 Henry Gentile Scholarship Winner!!!

Our New and Improved Website is up and running!!!!

- For Judge's membership is **free**.
- Member benefits include knowing District 6 **Judges' Assignments** and just being in the know.

March CLE

A CLE in March is currently in the works, which will be titled "View from the Bench" that will host a panel of criminal Judges. More details to follow.

Membership Applications

Our newly formatted membership applications were sent out for the 2013 calendar year. If you would like to become a new member and are having trouble downloading application from website, please contact our Administrator, Kelly Senn at kellysenn@comcast.net and she can email you the new 2013 application.

New! Case Law Updates

Coming Soon!

Lawyer Referral Program

Our Lawyer Referral Program is still accepting members at this time. We are in need of attorney's who specialize in Civil-Defense, Labor Law, School Law, Real Estate Property Tax Disputes, and IRS Tax Attorneys. If you are interested please visit our website for an application or contact our Administrator, Kelly Senn at 708-633-9700. REMINDER: Current members enrolled in lawyer

referral, if you have not yet, please get in your 2013 renewal.

Electronic Filing Standards and Principles within Cook County

On October 26, 2012, Dorothy Brown-Clerk of the Circuit Court informed the legal community that the Illinois Supreme Court issued an Order and the Electronic Filing Standards and Principles that will be effective January 1, 2013. Clerk Brown will work with Chief Judge Evans in preparing a joint application addressing compliance with the required standards. Additionally, one of the requirements within the new eFiling Standards is to collect assessment information from the local bar associations regarding efficiencies and functionality of the eFiling system. If you are interested in reviewing the Clerk's Office eFiling System, please contact Dawn I. Porter at 708-522-3441.

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The mission of the South Suburban Bar Association is to encourage, foster and promote a high standard of professional ethics; to promote a better understanding between the legal profession and the community, and to cultivate a better fraternal, social, and professional feeling and understanding among its members.

We're on the web!!! New and improved website . Southsuburbanbar.org

Domestic Relations Guardian Ad Litem Attorney Representative Program

Volunteers are needed for the Guardian Ad Litem Attorney Representative Program to represent minor children in domestic relations cases. Requirements for volunteers are that they have a majority of their practice in the area of family law, child welfare, or child advocacy from five to eight years. Volunteers must also have tried a custody case and have significant experience in custody and visitation litigation. Attorneys must then accept at least one pro bono case a year and attend at least three Child Representative CLE's a year. The CLE's are free and attorneys will receive CLE credits.

For more information or a copy of the application, please contact Nairee Hagopian at 312-603-3037 or nairee.hagopian@cookcountyl.gov.

New! Advertising Section— coming soon.

If you would like to place an advertisement for your services or employment opportunities within your firm, please contact Dennis Dwyer at 708-233-6100. Advertising opportunities also available on our website.