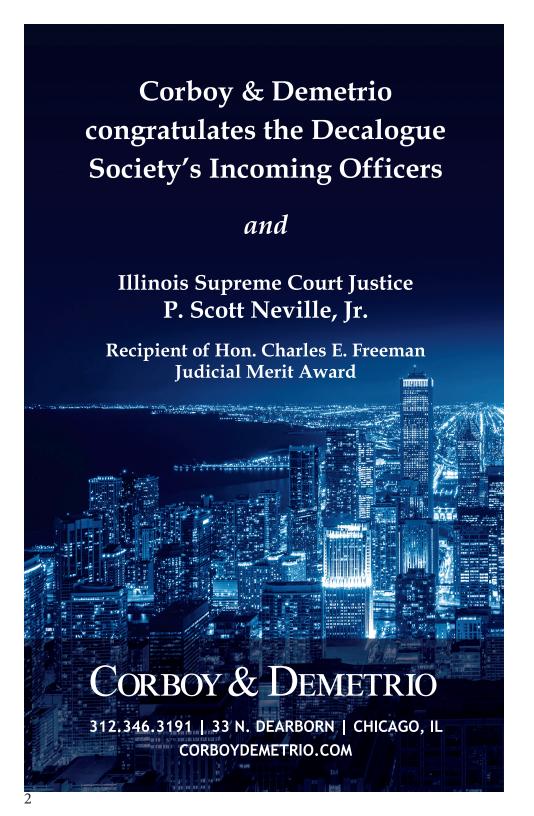


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87th Annual Installation & 2021 Judicial Reception Tuesday, June 29, 2021

PROGRAM

Welcome

Judge Myron F. Mackoff

Outgoing President's Message Patrick Dankwa John

Acceptance of Nominations Helen B. Bloch

Installation of President, Board and Officers
Judge Timothy C. Evans

Incoming President's Message Mara S. Ruff

Hon. Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award Presentation by Judge Myron F. Mackoff Acceptance by Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr.

Closing Remarks
Judge Myron F. Mackoff



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Incoming President's Welcome Message



What does it mean to be a Jewish lawyer? Being Jewish is very personal. Only you have the authority to shape your meaning, by your own actions and mindset. Perhaps you shape your Jewishness in the most religious ways, by carrying out your faith as an observant Jew, keeping kosher, following the rules of Shabbat and attending shul every Saturday morning. Or maybe you keep kosher at home, but only go to synagogue on the occasional Shabbat and on the High Holidays. Or maybe you do not attend synagogue at all and

carry out your Judaism through Tikkun Olam, by repairing the world, and giving to others that need help. However you define it, being Jewish means something to you. It is a distinct, unique, and subtle difference that keeps us all rooted together, no matter how you practice or don't practice, in culture or tradition, religious or secular, and connected as a community.

Choosing to be a member of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, one of the oldest Jewish bar associations, means something too. The dictionary defines a lawyer as "a person whose profession is to represent clients in a court of law or to advise or act for clients in other legal matters." In practice, we know that being a lawyer is so much more. Being a lawyer means many things. To some, it ignites power. For others, it empowers. As lawyers, one of the greatest gifts we have is our ability to represent a purpose, speak for the unheard, change a system, or undo a wrong. As members of the bar, we are provided the ability to help, to do better, to be better. I chose to become a lawyer for specific reasons and although I did not choose my faith, Judaism provides me the foundation in how I live my truth, personally and professionally.

I am humbled and honored to be your President, standing proud as a Jewish lawyer, leading a bar that works tirelessly towards eliminating hate, raising awareness about anti-Semitism, and eradicating injustice. We gather here this evening because being Jewish and/or being a lawyer means something to you too. It is not just about our faith or our legal profession by itself. We sit side-by-side, at our virtual tables tonight, compelled to attend the Decalogue Society of Lawyers' 87th Installation and 2021 Judicial Reception because of our commitment to what it means to be a lawyer, on how we define your faith, or stand proud as leaders in our own community, rooted together in unique cultures and traditions.

I look forward to another hard, difficult, rewarding, work-filled year leading the efforts of a historic organization, with a vital mission grounded in Jewish values, where lawyers choose to belong, a membership with a purpose, a meaning, a home. I invite you to join us this year at one of the many events we have planned. Our success very much depends on the strong and valued friendship and support we receive from the legal community at large, the affinity bar associations, and the judiciary, as much as it does our own membership. I hope to see you soon.

With Gratitude.

Mara Ruff

President, 2021-2022

Outgoing President's Message



As a nation, we've begun to come out of pandemic mode. More and more people are getting vaccinated, and restrictions on our personal liberties are being lifted. Still we're threatened by the possibility of another surge in infections, particularly by one variant or another. It's been said that in times of uncertainty, we can be calm even when we don't know what the future holds, if we remember that we do know who holds the future. I invite you to consider that perhaps we do know what the future holds. I believe that we will see divine providence at work. Just as G-d promised the prophet Joel that he would restore what

the locusts had devoured, I believe that when all the dust settles, G-d will restore our nation to better than normal.

Thank you to all the members of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers for your hard work and dedication to Decalogue during this challenging year. We have so many talented members who stepped forward and put their gifts to use this bar year. Congratulations to the incoming Board and Executive Committee. A special congratulations to incoming president Mara Ruff, who I know will have a fabulous bar year. Decalogue has bright, energetic and dedicated leaders who will make this coming bar year even better than previous ones. Join or renew your Decalogue membership now, and as the late Congressman and civil rights activist John Lewis would say, let's continue to get into good trouble.

Sincerely,

Patrick Dankwa John

President, 2020-2021

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The Charles Freeman Judicial Merit Award is given to those judges who exemplify the highest ideals of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and of the legal profession by promoting diversity and inclusivity in the legal professions and for outstanding achievement in the judiciary.

Justice Neville, sworn in on June 15, 2018 as the 117th and 2nd African American Justice to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court in its 200 year history, has had a forty-six year legal career that has taken him from 43rd Street to LaSalle Street. Justice Neville, a product of Chicago's public schools, graduated from Forrestville Grammar School and DuSable High School. After graduating from Culver Stockton College, he received his law degree from Washington University's School of Law. Justice Neville has been actively practicing law since 1974 when he became a law clerk for Justice Glenn T. Johnson of the Illinois Appellate Court. Thereafter, Justice Neville specialized in appellate, employment, civil rights and complex civil litigation.

During his career, Justice Neville used his legal skills to obtain justice for his clients. In 1992, he was a member of a team of attorneys (President Obama was one of the attorneys who worked on the case) that successfully prosecuted the 1992 Chicago Ward "ReMap" case, and a legal team that prosecuted a class action lawsuit on behalf of Black and Latino workers who were laid off by the City of Chicago.

An active member of many bar associations, Justice Neville is a life member of the National Bar Association and a member of the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) and Illinois State (ISBA) bar associations. Neville's commitment to the Bar was most evident in 1997 when he became President of the CCBA and co-founded the Alliance of Bar Associations, a group dedicated to promoting diversity, equality and fairness in judicial evaluations. Justice Neville is a past chairperson and board member of the Illinois Judicial Council, a member of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, and a member of the Illinois Judges Association.

Justice Neville has received numerous awards and appointments. In 1999, the Chicago Bar Association presented him with the prestigious Vanguard Award, and he received a Presidential Award from the ISBA. In 2007, Washington University School of Law presented him with its Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2008 he received an award from Toastmasters International. Finally, in 2017 he received the Stradford Award from Attorney Kimberly Fox, the State's Attorney of Cook County, and in 2020 was the American Board of Trial Advocates' Judge of the Year.

Justice Neville was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1999 and elected in 2000. On June 11, 2004, Justice Neville was appointed to the Appellate Court and was elected to the Appellate Court in 2012. Justice Neville served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Illinois Appellate Court, First District from September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014. Justice Neville was opposed by five Appellate Court Justices and one attorney but was elected to a 10-year term on the Illinois Supreme Court on November 3, 2020.

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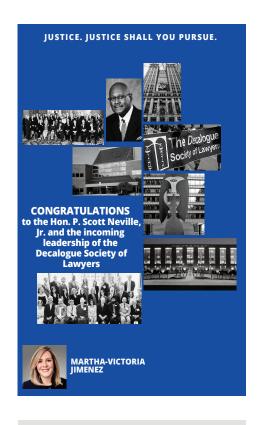
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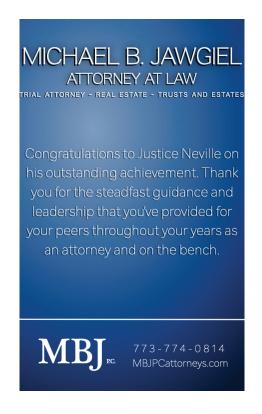
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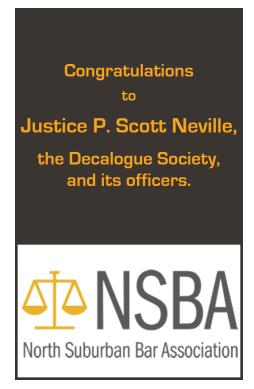
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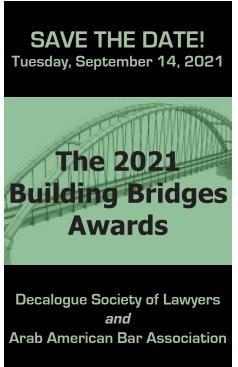




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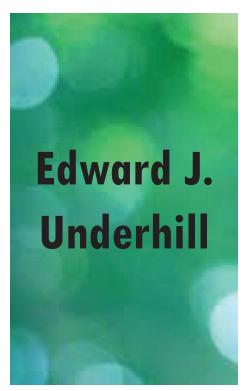


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