



**DECATUR BAR ASSOCIATION**  
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**FEBRUARY 2014**

**ALA Meeting on March 13th**

Tim Eaton, former DBA member and current President of the Chicago Bar Association, has arranged for a meeting of the Appellate Lawyers Association to be held in Decatur. The Decatur Bar Association agreed to co-sponsor the event. The meeting at the Decatur Club will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (reception and sign in) and 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. (luncheon and speakers) on Wednesday, March 13, 2014.

This is an opportunity for our members to join the Justices of the Appellate Court of Illinois, Fourth District, for the Annual Luncheon where we will hear from Illinois Appellate Court Justice Ann B. Jorgensen, together with ALA past presidents Tim Eaton and Michael T. Reagan, who will present a panel discussion on the significant civil litigation cases decided by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2013. In addition, Clerk of the Court, Carla Bender will provide us with the latest updates and developments on electronic filing.

Cost to DBA members is \$25. One hour of MCLE will be granted to participants.

To sign up for the luncheon and program go to the ALA WEB Page at:

<http://www.applawyers.org/newevents.html>

**Brown Bag Lunch CLE**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Judge Webber's Brown Bag CLE has been rescheduled for the jury assembly room on March 21, 2014 at Noon. His topics are cameras in the courtroom and probate.

Judge Coryell's Brown Bag CLE also had to be rescheduled because of the ALA meeting. He is now planning a date in late March or April. Judge Coryell will speak on Family Law. He welcomes specific questions and problem areas suggestions to help him with the agenda..

## **Spring CLE**

Carol Craig and the CLE committee are planning a full day of CLE in May. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the planning or make a presentation please let Carol know.

## **Law Week**

During the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> DBA will be conducting its annual mock trial event for Decatur Schools. The committee is looking for lawyers to assist with the organization and presentation of this event. Please see Regan Lewis if you would like to participate.

## **Reception for Justice Garman**

On March 31, 2013 at the U of Illinois College of Law, the East Central Illinois Women Attorneys Association is sponsoring a Noon luncheon to honor Chief Justice Rita Garman. For reservations contact [lclark@co.champaign.il.us](mailto:lclark@co.champaign.il.us) by March 24<sup>th</sup>. ECIWAA members are free. Non-members are \$25.

## **Award Nominations Sought**

The ISBA Human Rights Section Council is seeking nominations for the prestigious Gertz Award, honoring a lawyer who has made a significant contribution to the cause of Human Rights. The deadline is Friday, March 7. See [www.isba.org/awards/humanrights](http://www.isba.org/awards/humanrights)

## **New Member**

Please welcome our newest member of DBA, whose application was recently approved by the Executive Board:

**Jacqueline Lauren Kent Jameson**, employed by Randstad (contractor of ADM). She is a 2012 graduate of Stetson University College of Law and resides in Decatur.

Sincerely,  
Bill McNutt