

## **BENJAMIN K. MILLER, Of Counsel**

*Benjamin K. Miller is a litigator who focuses on appeals, dispute mediation and business consultation. He is a former Justice on the Supreme Court of Illinois (1984 to 2001), serving as the Chief Justice from 1991 to 1994. During this time, Justice Miller participated in more than 2,000 cases and authored 487 opinions, including numerous landmark decisions. He is of counsel in the Firm's Litigation Department, and a member of both the Appellate and Supreme Court, and Class Action Practices.*

During his tenure on the Supreme Court, Justice Miller initiated numerous innovative programs including convening the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council to help improve the cooperation and response of Illinois courts and agencies to matters of family violence. He also focused on expanding judicial performance evaluations statewide, adding non-lawyers to disciplinary hearing board panels that ruled upon attorney misconduct, and amending the Code of Judicial Conduct to clarify the restrictions on political activity by judges and judicial candidates. Justice Miller established the Special Commission on the Administration of Justice, chaired by former Jenner & Block Chairman Jerold S. Solovy, which produced reports on the management practices and administration of the courts, and on the state's juvenile justice system.

Justice Miller has been active in many professional and civic organizations. He received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago and is the namesake of the Illinois Domestic Violence Coordinating Council's coveted Justice Benjamin K. Miller Award, which is given to individuals who play a significant role in addressing domestic violence. Justice Miller has also served as an adjunct professor at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Medical Humanities since 1974. A long-time advocate for battered and abused women, Justice Miller was a founding member of the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association and the first member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court.

### **Awards**

- Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council  
Justice Benjamin K. Miller Award - namesake and first recipient, 2001
- Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission  
The Honorable George N. Leighton Justice Award, 2010
- Lawyers' Assistance Program  
Carl H. Rolewick Memorial Award, 1991



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### **PRACTICE GROUPS**

Appellate and Supreme Court Practice  
Litigation

### **EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University School of Law, JD,  
1961

The John Marshall Law School, Doctor of  
Law (Honorary), 1991

Southern Illinois University, BA, 1958

### **ADMISSIONS**

Illinois, 1961

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

US Supreme Court, 1966

US District Court, Central District of Illinois,  
1961

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,  
2002

## Community Involvement

- Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
President, 1974  
Member, Board of Directors, 1968-1976
- Illinois State Mental Health Association  
Vice President, 1976  
Member, Board of Directors, 1972-1976
- Sojourn Women's Center  
Honorary Member, Board of Directors, 1990-present
- Springfield Boys Club  
Member, Board of Directors, 1970-1978
- Springfield Mental Health Association  
President, 1970-1972  
Member, Board of Directors, 1964-1978

## Educational

- Southern Illinois School of Medicine  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Medical Humanities, 1974-present

## Other

- Illinois Courts Commission  
Chair, 1988-1991
- Illinois Supreme Court  
Liaison, Conference of Chief Judges, 1984-2001  
Member, Supreme Court Rules Committee, 1986-1994  
Member, Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions-Criminal, 1986-1992  
Member, Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions-Civil, 1992-2000
- National Conference of Chief Justices  
Member, 1991-1994  
Vice Chair, 1993

## Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association  
Section of Legal Education and Admissions  
Member, Bar Admissions Committee, 1992-2002
- American Judicature Society  
Member, Board of Directors, 1982-1992
- Central Illinois Women's Bar Association  
Member, 1976-present
- Illinois State Bar Association  
Member, 1961-present

Member, Board of Governors, 1970-1976

Treasurer, 1974-1976

- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association  
Member, 1968-1976
- Sangamon County Bar Association  
Member, 1961-present
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois  
Member, 1980-present