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TOP CHICAGO LAWYERS TO BE RECOGNIZED WITH CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED "STEVENS" AWARDS

Nine top-tier attorneys who exemplify the highest commitment to integrity and public service in the spirit of the Chicago legal community's "favorite son" have been selected to receive the Chicago Bar Association's John Paul Stevens Award.

Named in honor of the legendary retired Supreme Court Justice and native Chicagoan John Paul Stevens, the awards will be presented at the CBA's annual John Paul Stevens luncheon scheduled for October 10 at the Standard Club.

Justice Stevens retired from the High Court in 2010 after 35 years of distinguished service. The awards, presented by the CBA and the Chicago Bar Foundation, recognize lawyers and judges who best exemplify the Justice's commitment to integrity and public service in the practice of law.

This year's award recipients are Chief Judge Ruben Castillo, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Robert A. Clifford of Clifford Law Offices; Illinois Appellate Court Justice Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.; Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Richard J. Prendergast of Richard J. Prendergast Ltd.; Larry R. Rogers Sr. of Power Rogers & Smith; Ronald S. Safer of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila; Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis, and Dan K. Webb of Winston & Strawn.

CBA President Thomas R. Mulroy noted that the awards symbolize Justice Stevens' lifetime effort to improve the system of justice as well as his active participation and dedication to the CBA.

"We are very proud to recognize these exceptional legal professionals with this year's John Paul Stevens Awards," said Mulroy. "Not only have they blazed an accomplished trail in their respective careers, they have also taken time along the way to serve the community and to help ensure that the justice system works for everyone."

Founded in 1874, the Chicago Bar Association is the largest metropolitan bar association in the nation with a voluntary membership of nearly 20,000 attorneys in the Chicagoland region. Like other bar associations, it concerns itself with professional ethics, networking among members, and continuing legal education.