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Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming;

And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air; Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

<u>HATIKVAH</u>

Kol od ba-lay-vav p'nima, nefesh yehudi homi'ya Ulfa-atey mizrach kadima, a-yin l'tzion tzo-fiya Od lo avda tikvateynu, ha-tikvah sh'not alpa-yim li-h'yot am chofshi b'artzeynu, eretz tzion Yerushalayim

Incoming President's Welcome Message

Shalom and welcome. We are happy you can join us tonight, at our 89th annual Decalogue Installation and Awards Dinner, as we continue our proud tradition of furthering our commitment to justice, community, scholarship and philanthropy.



Decalogue was founded in 1934, in response to rampant antisemitism, and the exclusion of Jewish lawyers from other organizations. It was during these tumultuous times, that a group of visionaries created the

Decalogue Society, embodying the principles of the Ten Commandments. Founded on the values of justice, equality, and compassion, the organization created a safe haven for Jewish lawyers, fostered solidarity and camaraderie in the face of adversity, and gave the Jewish Community, "...a seat at the table." Decalogue is the oldest, and remains one of the largest, Jewish Lawyers associations in the United States.

Though the world has changed significantly since 1934, the spirit of our founders remains strong, and our work continues to fulfill their mission. Recently, the number of hate crimes has increased to frightening levels, and the Jewish community has been targeted in the majority of these despicable acts. We are grateful for our allies and for the strength that has emerged within our own community. In the battle against racism, Jewish lawyers bring a unique perspective. They know firsthand what it feels like to be marginalized and face discrimination. They fight for justice not only for their own community, but for all those who have suffered at the hands of prejudice.

In addition, we strive to promote diversity within our profession, to practice law with compassion, and to improve the world around us, in the spirit of Tikkun Olam. In fact, all of this year's awardees have dedicated themselves to diversifying and bettering our legal profession and our society. Through our impressive CLEs, philanthropic works and networking opportunities, we continue to create a lasting impact on the legal landscape, forging a path towards a more just and inclusive society. To illustrate, our Green Book event and our multi-bar model Seder, were informative, extremely well-attended, and co- hosted by a number of other bar associations. Moreover, our Social Action Committee regularly assists home bound individuals and our Foundation provides scholarships. Further, in May, we oversaw the first of its kind event honoring veterans in the legal profession, co-hosted with 39 other bar associations.

We honored our colleagues who served, and conducted a moving memorial service to remember our missing and fallen soldiers. Additionally, our fundraising efforts allowed us to make meaningful contributions to myriad Veterans' organizations.

Congratulations to all of tonight's awardees. Thank you to Joel Bruckman, Aviva Patt, Judge Lori Rosen, and the Board for their dedication. Thank you for attending tonight, and breaking (kosher) bread with us. We are thrilled you could join us as Justice, Justice, Shall We Pursue.

Sincerely,

Hon. Megan E. Goldish President, Decalogue Society of Lawyers 4

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Lifetime Achievement Award David Axelrod

Award of Excellence David H. Levitt & Conrad C. Nowak

David Axelrod is a preeminent American political strategist and commentator and the former chief strategist and senior advisor to President Barack Obama. Axelrod was the founding director of the University of Chicago's non-partisan Institute of Politics. He currently serves as a Distinguished Fellow at the University of Chicago and as a senior political commentator for CNN. He is the host of The Axe Files, a top-rated podcast featuring in depth conversations with public figures across the political spectrum. A



former political writer for the Chicago Tribune, Axelrod produced media strategy and advertising for 150 campaigns across the U.S., culminating in President Obama's historic elections. Axelrod is also the author of The New York Times best-selling memoir, Believer: My Forty Years in Politics.

Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award Judge Rena Van Tine



Judge Rena Marie Van Tine is the Acting Presiding Judge of the County Division. She became the first female Indian American judge in the nation to serve on a state court 22 years ago when she was appointed to the bench as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. In January 2021, the Illinois Supreme Court elevated her to Circuit Court Judge. She subsequently ran and won her countywide election to keep her position on the court. She has served in four different divisions of the court system including the First Municipal, Juvenile, Law and County Divisions.

Judge Van Tine has been licensed to practice law for 38 years. As a lawyer, she served as an Assistant State's Attorney in various divisions including the Felony Trial Division and the Medical Litigation Division. As an associate in a private law firm, she handled criminal misdemeanor cases as a defense lawyer, and personal injury cases as a plaintiff's lawyer.

Judge Van Tine is the President of the Asian American Judges Association and a past President of the Asian American Bar Association. She is a co-founder of the South Asian Bar Association and its Foundation. She has served on many boards and committees of various bar associations and community groups throughout her almost four decades of practice.

She has been happily married to Matthew Van Tine for 35 years and has a daughter, Kristen who is a rising 3L at a law school in Chicago.



David H. Levitt has practiced law at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP since 1979. A past President of Illinois Defense Counsel, he changed his practice to intellectual property law, having received his L.L.M. in Intellectual Property in 2000, later serving as Chair of DRI's Intellectual Property Committee and founder of Hinshaw's IP practice.

Mr. Levitt is an active blogger on the English language centrist Israeli e-newspaper, Times of Israel, on such topics as international law as

applied to Israel and antisemitism, among others. His articles may be found at https:// blogs.timesofisrael.com/author/david-h-levitt/; the most recent evaluates the legal issues surrounding the First Amendment and hate speech.

Mr. Levitt is the co-chair of the Advisory Board of the DePaul Law School Center for Jewish Law and Judaic Studies. JLJS provides unique programing not found elsewhere, including its April 2022 symposium, Defining Antisemitism and Why It Matters, an indepth exploration of the competing definitions; Mr. Levitt co-chaired and was one of the presenters. Mr. Levitt also has presented at the StandWithUs International Conference on international law regarding Israel's legal borders.

Mr. Levitt is Past President of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Deerfield, Illinois.



Conrad C. Nowak is a Partner at the national law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP where he focuses his practice in litigation matters. An Army veteran, he also serves as the national chair for the firm's Veteran Employee Resource Group. Nowak has been a strong advocate for spreading awareness for veteran and attorney mental health, suicide awareness and prevention, working with multiple organizations fighting for these important causes.

Outside the law, Nowak has been an active board member in several international humanitarian non-profits and is the current Co-Chair of the Warsaw Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International. He has also been active in numerous collaborative efforts related to Polish-Jewish affairs, as well as continuing efforts related to the crisis in Ukraine.

He is the proud great grandson of Eugenia Kasztalska (deceased), who hid numerous Jewish families in her Warsaw apartment during the Second World War as they awaited the opportunity to escape. He dedicates this award to her memory.

Nowak is a graduate of DePaul University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Decalogue Society Award Ald. Debra Silverstein

Debra Silverstein has been Alderman of the 50th Ward since 2011. Since being elected, she has worked tirelessly to make her community a better place to live for the many residents who call it home. Her focus has been on making the 50th Ward safer, more family-friendly, beautiful, and economically strong.



Debra has brought several groundbreaking projects to the 50th Ward that improve the quality of life of the neighborhood's residents.

These include a new, state-of-the-art library at Pratt and Western, a multi-million-dollar Streetscape of Devon Avenue, and a brand-new park at Devon and McCormick.

Debra works closely with the local police to make sure the 50th Ward remains a safe place to live and raise a family. She has also acted to update our neighborhood's aging infrastructure and improve the quality of education available to our Ward's children.

The 50th Ward is the most diverse and wonderful community in the City of Chicago. Drawing from a wide breadth of knowledge and commitment to the residents of this neighborhood, Debra works every day to make it a better place to live, work, and raise a family.



Hebrew University Fellowship Award Judge Martin P. Moltz

Hon. Martin "Marty" Moltz has served as a Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County for 16 years, handling a broad range of civil and criminal cases. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Moltz began his career as an assistant in the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney. He later became the Deputy Director of the State Appellate Prosecutor's Office where he argued a record number 1700 cases before the Illinois Supreme and Appellate Courts. Judge Moltz has been honored by the Chicago Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Judge Moltz seldom rests. When he is not tending to his duties on the bench or participating in professional and community service organizations, he can generally be found pursuing his love of roller coasters. He has ridden every roller coaster in the United States. When asked if he prefers more modern coasters or the more traditional wooden ones, he says "A wooden roller coaster is just a better ride, because the wood is living and breathing. It changes over time and no ride is ever exactly the same." Judge Moltz has even performed a wedding at the top of a roller coaster ride!

Judge Moltz and his wife Ann have been married for 49 years.

Presidential Citation Howard H. Ankin



Howard Ankin founded the Ankin Law Office in 1997. For over 25 years, the firm has focused exclusively on protecting the rights of injured people in personal injury, motor vehicle, medical malpractice, mass torts, premises liability, and workers' compensation matters. Ankin Law has grown to over 75 attorneys and staff and is a leading filer of workers' compensation claims in Illinois.

Howard Ankin is a third-generation lawyer who opened the firm with his father, Paul B. Ankin. He represents clients not only as their attorney, but as a friend who perpetuates the service tradition of the Ankin family. The Ankin Law tagline is "Injury law made personal."

A few of Howard's board memberships and affiliations include Board of Governors, Governor At Large, American Association of Justice, Illinois State Bar Association Worker's Compensation Section Counsel, Work Injury Lawyers Guild (WILG), Board of Directors, and President of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.

Intra-Society Award Erin Wilson

Erin M. Wilson has been a licensed attorney since 2008, always focusing on family law. In 2019, she opened her own practice, The Law Office of Erin M. Wilson LLC. Her law practice provides services in family law litigation, mediation, parenting coordination, and representation as a child representative and Guardian ad Litem. Erin's talent lies in focusing on the bigger picture and creating a strategy that helps her clients achieve their goals. She strives for amicable settlements by



crafting creative solutions while aggressively protecting her clients' rights and interests in the courtroom. Erin's true passion lies in representing children and advocating for their best interests. She has been on the Cook County Child Representative/Guardian ad Litem list since 2018. Erin earned her Juris Doctorate degree from DePaul University College of Law, with a Certificate in Family Law and her Bachelors of Arts from Michigan State University.

In addition to her work advocating for her clients, Erin is an active member of the legal community. Erin sits on the boards for the following organizations: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Decalogue Society, and the Force of Lawyers Against Sexual Harassment (FLASH) and DePaul University College of Law Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center, and a member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Erin has been involved in the Illinois State Bar Association by being on the following committees: Young Lawyers Division, Child Law, Assembly, and is the chair of the Women and the Law Committee. Erin is a founding member of the Illinois Association of Independent Attorneys and the Lady Lawyers who Lunch (LLL).

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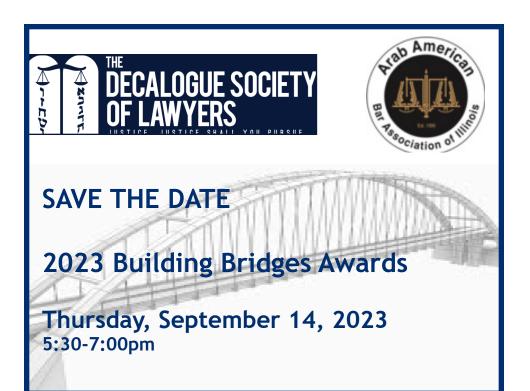
Law Student Award Eden Messick



Eden is a rising 3L at DePaul College of Law, and is currently a Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis. Prior to law school, she attended DePaul University where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business, Economics. She has enjoyed attending Decalogue events and getting to know its members. She is thankful to be part of such a great community and hopes to continue to help Decalogue grow!

Recognition of 50-year members: Richard A. Kavitt, Barry E. Morgen

Recognition of 25-year members: Helen B. Bloch, Howard J. Rosenburg



Hon. Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award

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.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals with pioneering spirit who have demonstrated inventiveness throughout their careers, have helped break down unfair or unjust societal barriers that prevented otherwise qualified individuals from reaching their potential, have notably improved the legal profession and our society in general, and have inspired others by and through their actions. Simply put, candidates for this award are living role models.

The Decalogue Society Award

The Decalogue Society Award is presented to individuals who, through their actions and achievements, exemplify the core principles of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers to bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession, to maintain vigilance against public and private practices which are anti-social, discriminatory, anti-Semitic or oppressive, and to work with other groups and minorities to help protect the legal rights of all.

The Award Of Excellence

The Decalogue Society of Lawyers' Award of Excellence is presented to attorneys who bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession by, among other things, rendering useful community service or participating in worthy movements for the public welfare.

Hebrew University Fellowship Award

In 1968 the Decalogue Foundation established the Decalogue Perpetual Fellowship Fund, which provides an endowment for annual fellowships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. Each year, the fellowship is named in honor of a member who has made significant contributions of his or her time to Decalogue.

Presidential Citation

The Presidential Citation is given annually to one or more individuals who have helped to improve the Decalogue Society of Lawyers through their innovative thinking and actions or who have made some notable contribution that enhanced the Society or furthered its goals and objectives.

Intra-Society Award

The Intra Society Award is presented to members of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers who have devoted significant time and energy to augment various functions of the Society, who promote Decalogue's good reputation in the legal community and elsewhere, and who, through their actions, exemplify the Jewish ideals of tzedek (justice), limud (learning), and kavod (respect).

Law Student Award

The Law Student Award is presented to a member of Decalogue's Law Student Division who has contributed significantly to increasing the Decalogue Society's presence among law students.

The Decalogue Foundation, Inc.

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University of Chicago Paul G. Annes Scholarship **Nicole Kofman**

The Decalogue Foundation

The Decalogue Foundation is the charitable arm of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. The Foundation has endowed scholarships at six Illinois law schools and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The Foundation also underwrites Decalogue's legal lecture series, allowing us to provide free classes for CLE credit.

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The Women's Bar Association of Illinois Congratulates Decalogue President Judge Megan Goldish, Recording Secretary of the WBAI, and the 2023-2024 Board!

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Congratulations and best wishes to Decalogue's new President, Judge Megan Goldish, and to the other incoming Decalogue officers and board members. Congratulations also to all of the amazing awardees, including Presiding Judge Rena Van Tine; Judge Martin Moltz; 50th Ward Ald. Debra Silverstein; David Axelrod; Howard Ankin; Conrad Nowak; David Levitt; Erin Wilson; and Eden Messick.

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THANK YOU JOEL BRUCKMAN!





He emcees..... He litigates..... He dances! To the guy who can do it all thanks for all that you do! Megan

In Honor of Our Friend and Colleague Howard Ankin

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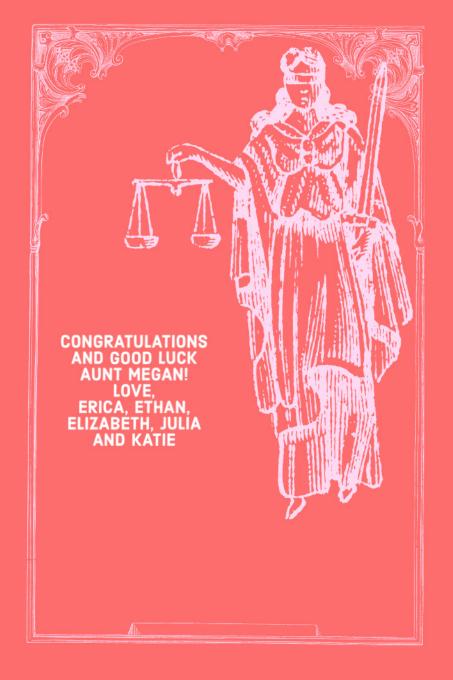
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Congratulations!

JUDGE MEGAN E. GOLDISH

Congratulations to Judge Megan E. Goldish, the 89th President of the Decalogue Society, and the distinguished awardees! Your exceptional achievements and commitment to justice inspire us all. May your leadership and contributions continue to shape a more just and inclusive legal community.

> Warmest Regards, Atour Sargon Village of Lincolnwood, Trustee



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2023 Intra-Society Award recipient





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\$18.5 MILLION in September 2018 jury verdict on behalf of a 12-year old boy who was injured by the prescription of a mental health drug given to his mother when he was in the fetal state.

Congratulations Megan

on your swearing in as President of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers

from your colleagues in Domestic Violence Court

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Congratulations to Decalogue's new President

Judge Megan Goldish

and the 2023-2024 Decalogue officers and board.

Congratulations to all of the awardees for their welldeserved honors, including Presiding Judge Rena Van Tine; Judge Martin Moltz; 50th Ward Ald. Debra Silverstein; David Axelrod; Howard Ankin; Conrad Nowak; David Levitt; Erin Wilson; and Eden Messick.

Mayor Jesal Patel



JUDGE MEGAN E. GOLDISH

Congratulations to the Decalogue Society's 89th President, Megan E. Goldish, and all of this year's awardees. Wishing the best for the year ahead!



Congratulations to Megan Goldish

and all the Award Recipients

Judge Maura Slattery-Boyle **Congratulations** to Judge Megan Goldish and the Officers and Board of Managers

and Mazel Tov to all the award recipients.

Wishing the Decalogue Society of Lawyers continued success and an outstanding year ahead!



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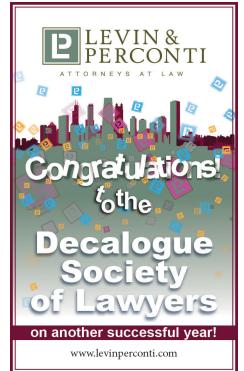
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July 11, 2023

Congratulations, Axe on receiving the Decalogue Society's Lifetime Achievement Award.

It's a fitting honor – you've been arguing like a lawyer since we first met for lunch all those years ago. And it's appropriate that you're following in the footsteps of giants who've earned this award like Ab Mikva, Jan Schakowsky, Seymour Simon, and Ilana Rovner.

But you earned this on your own by living a life of purpose -a life devoted to making this world a better place. And your life's work has made believers out of all of us.

I'm saving the best stuff I have to say about you for your shiva. For now, congratulations, on this well-deserved honor. But I'm not calling you "Esquire."



JB Pritzker Governor

Dear Judge Goldish,

I am writing to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your election and installation as the 89th President of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to your exemplary leadership and dedication to the legal profession. Your election to this esteemed position serves as an inspiration to all members of the legal community, as well as to aspiring young professionals who aspire to make a meaningful impact in their chosen fields.

I commend your unwavering commitment to upholding justice, promoting the rule of law, and advocating for the rights and interests of the lewish people in the legal profession. The Decalogue Society has long been recognized as a trailblazer in fostering diversity and inclusivity within the legal profession. By championing the representation of Jews in the legal community, the Society has played a pivotal role in breaking down barriers and ensuring that individuals of Jewish heritage have equal opportunities to succeed. Your presidency is a testament to the progress we have made, and we are confident that under your leadership, the Decalogue Society will continue to advance the interests and rights of Jewish legal professionals.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the award recipients honored at this momentous occasion. These awards not only recognize the exceptional talent and dedication of individuals, but they also serve as a testament to the outstanding contributions made by the Jewish legal community. By highlighting their achievements, we celebrate the important work they have done to uphold justice, protect the rights of others, and contribute to the well-being of our society as a whole.

I firmly believe that diverse representation within the legal profession is crucial for a fair and just society. By bringing together legal professionals of different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, we strengthen our collective ability to address the complex challenges we face. The Decalogue Society's unwavering commitment to promoting the representation of Jews in the legal field has been instrumental in creating a more inclusive and equitable profession.

Once again, congratulations on your election as the 89th President of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers. I am confident that your leadership will continue to inspire and pave the way for future generations of Jewish legal professionals. Please convey my warmest regards to all award recipients and extend my appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

Governor JB Pritzker





EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TOKYO

Dear David and Distinguished Guests:

Thanks for the opportunity to say something nice about my very, very good friend David Axelrod. I am always up for a challenge.

My friendship with David began in 1984. David was the chief political writer at the Chicago Tribune. I was a spokesperson for the Illinois Public Action Council. We had helped elect Lane Evans as the first Democratic Congressman from western Illinois in many years, and I wanted David to write about it. The only issue? His wife Susan was in labor with their second child.

Patience has never been my best trait so I proceeded to track down David in the recovery room - and this was long before cell phones, of course. I asked him if it was a boy or a girl, I offered the traditional "Mazel tov" and then I wasted no time in asking when he would be back at work.

It's a miracle that Susan still speaks to me, or that David would want to work with me.

Eventually, David left the noble profession of journalism for the even more noble profession of political consulting – also known as the dark side. From our work together on Paul Simon's campaign for Senate to Rich Daley's bid for mayor, it was clear David was quickly becoming the preeminent political strategist.

In 2002, I asked him if I could win a race for Congress and he told me, "You're not allowed to lose. It's against your nature. You're like a heat-seeking missile. You always hit your target." Suffice to say, a fair statement.

When President Obama asked me to be chief of staff, David convinced me to do it. Our country had come close to the brink of collapse. David's counsel helped the President put it back on track. Amidst the reams of white papers, memos and economic statistics, David kept us focused on everyday Americans with limited income but unlimited potential. With his strategic guidance, we passed President's Obama's stimulus package and rescued the American auto industry - saving millions of jobs and undoubtedly saving many lives as well.

In September of 2010, I popped into his White House office and asked if I should run for mayor of Chicago. His answer was clear: "This is the right time." In two races for mayor, his direct efforts helped Chicago cast aside old history and vote for a Jewish kid with the middle name Israel. I will always be profoundly grateful for that and what it meant to my family.

Throughout his career, David has never lost focus on why we're here -- not just to score political points, but to solve problems; not just to win the next election, but to make a difference for the next generation.

Through thick and thin, David Axelrod has made me a better public servant and a better person. I'm forever thankful David did not kick me out of that delivery room four decades ago and became a lifelong friend.

Sincerely,

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RICHARD J. DURBIN

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July 11, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Decalogue Society of Lawyers 89th Annual Installation and Awards Dinner.

Since 1934, the Decalogue Society of Lawyers has served as one of the nation's most prominent Jewish bar associations. Throughout the years, they have provided members with professional development, worked to raise the standards of the bar and bench, educated the public on legal and Jewish issues, and maintained vigilance against discriminatory public and private practices. I applaud their commitment in supporting local Jewish attorneys and promoting justice across all legal professions.

I would also like to congratulate my friend David Axelrod on receiving tonight's Lifetime Achievement Award. David has had an enormous impact on our nation through his work with the Obama Administration and the American media. For the past decade, David has also educated and mentored future leaders through his founding of and work at of the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight's attendees for your dedication to the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Congratulations on all your work and achievements.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin United States Senator

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Diverse representation within the legal profession is so important, and by bringing together legal professionals of different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, we strengthen our collective ability to address the complex challenges we face. The Decalogue Society's commitment to promoting the representation of Jews in the legal field has been instrumental in creating a more inclusive and equitable profession.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to justice and for your tireless efforts to advance the interests of the Jewish people in the legal profession.

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The Decalogue Society of Lawyers 134 N La Salle St #1430 Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Judge Goldish,

I am pleased and honored to extend my personal congratulations on your installation as the 89th President of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers.

Since its founding in 1934, Decalogue has been the cornerstone of the Jewish legal community and remained focused on its mission of promoting justice and advancing and improving the law and legal profession. Your election to lead the Society is a testament to your years of service and dedication to the legal profession and Decalogue.

Once again, congratulations on your Presidency. As you embark on your new role, I wish you much success and have no doubt that you and The Decalogue Society of Lawyers will continue to prosper in the year ahead, and years to come.

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Sincerely,

Bradley S. Schneider Member of Congress



Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita and her team congratulate the Honorable Judge Megan Goldish on her election and installation as the 89th President of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers.

We are proud to call Judge Goldish and the Decalogue Society of Lawyers friends of the 13th District. We are proud to be home to one of the country's largest Jewish communities and home to many Jewish elected officials, leaders and organizations.

Judge Goldish's commitment and contributions to the judiciary and to the community are exemplary. Thank you for being a leader for women, for fighting antisemitism and discrimination in all its forms, and for being a true champion for diversity, equity and inclusion on the bench, and off.

Thank you to the Decalogue Society for its 89 years of promoting justice in society. As the nation's oldest Jewish bar association, you have broken down barriers, raised the standards of the bar and bench, educated the public on legal and Jewish issues, and maintained vigilance against discriminatory public and private practices, particularly anti-Semitism. You have made all of us better.

Congratulations to Judge Goldish, to the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and all of tonight's awardees. We thank you for all you do. We look forward to working together.

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Commissioner Scott Britton 14th District

Dear Judge Goldish,

Congratulations on the honor of being named the 89th President of the esteemed Decalogue Society.

Last year, it was my privilege to join the the Decalogue Society on a panel discussion highlighting the work of Cook County United Against Hate (www.CookCountyUnitedAgainstHate.com) to combat the horrific rise in antiemetic acts.

The sad truth we know is that the same hate that drives antisemitism, also drives hate against Black, Latinx, Asian, LGBTQIA+ communities and anyone deemed an "other." As the Jewish community continues to teach us: hate against one, is hate against all.

That is why it is more important than ever for the Decalogue Society to exist so they may continue to affirm that all people deserve the right to be secure and respected.

You are an ideal choice to lead this historic organization – being so active in your chosen vocation that listing all your diverse memberships would be a fool's errand. Your vast and varied experience, as Cook County Assistant State's Attorney now serving as Judge to the Domestic Violence Division, will serve you well in this pursuit of justice in law. Your continued passion for teaching the next generation as a law school professor and high school mock trial coach shows a dedication to our collective future.

I am committed to partnering with the Decalogue Society to reverse the profound ignorance displayed in acts of hate and ensure Cook County embraces and supports diverse, inclusive, and equitable communities.

Congratulations on this distinction! I look forward to witnessing your good works and partnering to end hate now and forever.

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July 11, 2023

Mr. David Axelrod c/o The Decalogue Society 134 N. LaSalle Suite 1430 Chicago, IL 60602

Dear David,

Please allow me to extend my personal congratulations, as well as those of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox, on being honored tonight by the Decalogue Society. The honor is well deserved. A transplanted New Yorker, you have made an incredible mark on Chicago through both your professional and philanthropic efforts.

Your love and passion for Chicago shows in all you have done to help the less fortunate in our city, state and the nation. We cannot thank you and Susan—the real star in the family—for all you have done over the years in support of CURE epilepsy, Misericordia and countless other charities.

You have also shown your loyalty to your adopted city by your undying support of all of its sports teams. Very few attend as many of their games as you do.

Finally, in a sports world obsessed with "firsts," thank you for all you did to place the very first White Sox and Bulls fan in the White House. Your counsel and advice helped President Obama lead this nation for eight years, and our country will forever be grateful for your service.

You are a mensch and someone who understands the well-worn Chicago dictum, "We don't want nobody that nobody sent," please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this night as you celebrate surrounded by Jewish lawyers. May God help you...

Sincerely, Jur Courselverf

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