



**ISBA RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER**

WHEREAS, Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier has had a distinguished career as a lawyer and as a jurist;

WHEREAS, his exemplary career began when he received his *Juris Doctorate* degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and was thereafter admitted to the Bar of Illinois in 1964;

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as a judicial law clerk for Illinois Supreme Court Justice Byron O. House from 1964 through 1968;

WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Washington County as the state's attorney from 1968 through 1972;

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1973, he served as a judicial law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge James L. Foreman;

WHEREAS, he began his judicial career by being elected resident circuit judge of Washington County in 1986, and he was later retained by voters as a circuit judge in 1992 and again in 1998;

WHEREAS, in 2004, he was resoundingly elected by the citizens of the Fifth District to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court, and thereafter served with dedication and skill for 16 years;

WHEREAS, on the Illinois Supreme Court, he served as the Court Liaison to the Supreme Court Committee on Jury instructions in Criminal Cases;

WHEREAS, on the Illinois Supreme Court, he served as the Court Liaison to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission;

WHEREAS, on the Illinois Supreme Court, he served as the Court Liaison to the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board;

WHEREAS, on the Illinois Supreme Court, he served as the Court Liaison to the Supreme Court's New Judges Seminar;

WHEREAS, he served as the Chairperson of the Courts Commission;

WHEREAS, he was elected Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court by his fellow Justices in 2016;

WHEREAS, in 2017, he oversaw the formation of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices;

WHEREAS, in 2017, he oversaw the adoption of Illinois Supreme Court Rule amendments that made Illinois the first state to adopt “proactive management-based regulation” (PMBR), a system designed to prevent ethical missteps by requiring lawyers without malpractice insurance to review their operations;

WHEREAS, he honored the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) by being a member since his admission to practice;

WHEREAS, he has been a pillar to the ISBA Bench & Bar Section Council through his ongoing service from 1992 to the present;

WHEREAS, he helped govern the Association by serving on the ISBA Assembly from 1995 to 1999;

WHEREAS, he served on the ISBA Criminal Justice Section Council from 2001 to 2003;

WHEREAS, he received the prestigious ISBA Board of Governors Award in 2020 for his many contributions to the Illinois legal community;

WHEREAS, he has continued to support the work of the Illinois Bar Foundation as a Gold Fellow;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Bar Association hereby expresses its respect, appreciation, and admiration for the many accomplishments of Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier in his service to the State of Illinois, its judiciary, and the legal profession; and

FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution will be suitably framed and presented to the recipient.