



**ISBA RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE**

WHEREAS, Justice Thomas L. Kilbride has had a distinguished career as a lawyer and as a jurist;

WHEREAS, his exemplary career began when he received his law degree from Antioch School of Law and thereafter was admitted to the Bar of Illinois in 1981;

WHEREAS, he spent the early years of his legal career representing the less fortunate as a legal services attorney that served as a foundation for his lifelong commitment to access to justice;

WHEREAS, he continued his career actively engaged in the private practice of law representing a broad range of clients;

WHEREAS, in 2000, he was elected by the citizens of the Third District to serve as a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, and thereafter served with dedication and skill for 20 years;

WHEREAS, he was elected Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court by his fellow Justices in 2010;

WHEREAS, as Chief Justice, he furthered his commitment to serving the less fortunate and the citizens of the State when he spearheaded the formation of the Illinois Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission in 2012, with a mission "[t]o promote a culture of civility and inclusion, in which Illinois lawyers and judges embody the ideals of the legal profession in service to the administration of justice in our democratic society";

WHEREAS, in 2012, as Chief Justice, he promoted a better understanding of the Illinois judicial system by championing a pilot program allowing news cameras and electronic news recording in trial courts;

WHEREAS, as Chief Justice, he demonstrated the foresight to modernize the Illinois judicial system through technological advancements including support for a statewide e-filing system for civil case documents;

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

WHEREAS, he contributed to the work of the Association by serving on the ISBA Local Government Law Section Council from 1997 to 2011;

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

WHEREAS, he has devoted his entire legal career to being an unwavering and staunch advocate for access to justice and low-cost, public legal services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Bar Association hereby expresses its respect, appreciation, and admiration for the many accomplishments of Justice Thomas L. Kilbride 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.