



SENIOR LAWYERS

The newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association's Senior Lawyers Section

Chair's column: Computers for seniors, limited engagements, special apps and thanks to the Council for a rewarding year

By John T. Phipps

Computer Basics: Is This Thing On?

As the Senior Lawyer Section's Technology Committee indicates in the article on page 6 of this newsletter, we had a very successful **Computer Basics: Is This Thing On?** program on May 9. It was the second time we presented the program this year. While the first

program was good and the participants learned a lot, we also learned a lot from the responses and suggestions from those who attended that workshop. Because of the insights the first group gave us, we were able to better adapt to the needs of our senior audience. The response from

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Newsflash!

The ISBA has approved a technology "mentoring session" during the Annual Meeting. It is a senior workshop for smart phone, tablet, iPad and laptop issues. It will be presented on Friday, June 20, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. by a combination of the Senior Lawyer Section Council and the Young Lawyer Division. The idea grew out of the computer basic programs described elsewhere in this newsletter. Learn more about the use of technology in your practice and your life. Attend the seminar!

Look for details at the registration desk. ■

Will we let our attorneys ... go gentle into that good night ...?

Lawrence Scanlon, Clinical Case Manager, Lawyers Assistance Program

We are all familiar with the pomp and circumstance that goes with being admitted to the bar. Speeches, formal ceremonies, dressing up, talk of hope and optimism. Are you familiar with the retirement ceremonies for Illinois attorneys? Probably not, as there are none—at least not to my knowledge. Young attorneys enter the profession with a bang, but experienced attorneys depart with a whimper. Let's

change that.

I have seen, in my legal and psychotherapy practices, young and older attorneys dealing with the stress and anxiety that comes with leaving the profession of law. Some are forced to leave after disciplinary matters. Others can no longer competently practice law, whether due

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all the participants at the second program was very enthusiastic, especially because of the help of the young lawyers who worked individually with two students each. I want to join Ed in thanking everyone who helped for all their work. Both programs were a lot of work and we are indebted to all those that contributed to make them so successful.

We plan on doing this program again so would like to get as much feedback from potential attendees as possible. We have been asked to add sessions on Dragon Naturally Speaking, legal research, backing up, what hardware to buy and what programs are best for seniors. We have previously adopted the four-hour format because we feel that's about as long as most lawyers can deal with computers before overload. We would like to know what you as potential students feel is important to you so we can consider those suggestions along with the other suggestions by the participants. You can e-mail me at jphipp@net66.com with any suggestions as to future programs and possible locations.

Limited Engagements

Last year the Illinois Supreme Court amended Supreme Court Rules 11, 13 and 137 and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 C, 4.2 and 5.5, which now govern limited engagements. These rules make it possible for lawyers to take on cases where they don't have to provide full representation as long as appropriate disclosures and written agreements are made. These rules are perfect for senior lawyers that are trying to slow down or limit their practice or do not want to get into more extended cases. The limited engagement rules allow seniors to provide help for people of limited means and *pro se* clients to enable them to participate in the court system in a meaningful way or allow them to afford services that they could not otherwise afford.

Lawyers are now assured that they can get out of the case if they properly do a limited engagement. For example, a senior lawyer can try a case on a limited basis and then withdraw at the end of the trial and not have any further responsibilities. Lawyers can advise businesses on a limited engagement basis as well. Lawyers can draft complaints for *pro se* litigants that want to make a claim but cannot afford to hire a lawyer to do so. I have

used limited engagements several times in the last year to assist clients in preparing small claims and defenses and teaching them how to be successful in court. In each of the cases, the client has been gratified by the result because they did well and they didn't have to pay a lawyer to spend more than the value of the claim.

More importantly, limited engagements allow senior lawyers the opportunity to do *pro bono* work and help people that need good legal services without being required to take on the whole case. Lawyers can do this through legal aid services, self-help desks at the courthouse or by simply deciding to provide *pro bono* service for the client that calls and needs help but can't afford to pay the lawyer. Limited engagements open a whole world of service opportunities and senior lawyers especially should look for places where they can provide *pro bono* services that are meaningful but don't commit the senior lawyer to an ongoing case.

There is a world of opportunity out there with limited engagements. Senior lawyers particularly should be open to the opportunities. They can provide service to deserving people. They can provide quality legal services that would not normally be profitable but can be profitable on a limited engagement basis.

Technology for Seniors

Our Technology for Seniors Committee, chaired by Frank Ariano and composed of Frank, Ed Schoenbaum, Loren Golden, Gary Rafool, Tish Sheets and Don Mateer, has been very active and has been instrumental both in helping to prepare the computer basic programs and the Technology for Seniors articles for the newsletter.

Their article in this issue talks about some of the best apps for smart phones and iPads and tablets. I would like to add a few of my own.

Poynt is a great app for accessing restaurants, businesses, movies, gas prices and finding people and phone numbers. *ESPN's SportsCenter* app and *Watch ESPN* app are two of my favorites. They give me updates on the scores, and let me know which network has the television feed. *Watch ESPN* lets me see live coverage of a large variety of sports being shown on the ESPN Channels.

CBS Sports also gives you the scores and live *CBS Sports* broadcasts, as does the *BTN* app for the Big Ten network. I use the sports sites through my cable provider quite a bit during football and basketball seasons, especially when travelling.

The *ISBA Eclips* app gives me access to the *Daily Eclips* as well as the ISBA Web site. Finally, I like *Flight Tracker* and *Flight Board*. These allow me to track my flight even in the air as I travel, and my family as they travel, and also lets me know what gates the flights are coming to and departing from. The *Flight Board* also gives you status updates. If you fly a lot or have family flying a lot, these are very handy apps to have. We recently missed our connecting flight in Atlanta because of the weather. I was able to go into my *Delta* and *Flight Board* apps to find an alternate flight that was not being given to us by Delta. Looking at the apps and alternatives, I was able to fly to Tampa and rent a car to get to Fort Myers eight hours ahead of when I could fly in on the rescheduled flight. A lot of apps are out there for all kinds of tablets and smart phones. As the committee indicates, there are so many things a senior can use. Seniors just need to be open to the opportunities and not be afraid to experiment.

It's a good time to be a senior lawyer

The advantage of being a senior lawyer is that most senior lawyers have reached the point in her or his career that they can do much of what they want to do. They are not restricted by families to raise and a practice to build. Many of the senior lawyers that I know no longer wear ties except when they go to court and enjoy a relaxed lifestyle and practice. Many are making plans to retire or have retired. Several of the members of the Senior Lawyers Section Council have retired and have gone on to do a variety of other things and enjoy retirement. Many of them say that they are busier than they were with their practice but that they are doing what they want to do. Some of the rest of us still practice but we have the advantage of picking and choosing the cases and work we do.

It is a great time to be a senior and the ISBA keeps working on member benefits that will help. *Fast Case* allows senior lawyers to have access to quality legal research without having to pay for expensive research pro-

viders. Free CLE allows us to keep our MCLE up to date and the dues waivers when you get to be 75 are great benefits.

It has been fun to chair the section this year and I want to thank all the members of the Council for their very active participation and spirited contributions. We have come a

long way and continue to build on what previous chairs started. The quality of what the members have contributed and continue to contribute to the Council for the benefit of senior lawyers is excellent. I thank everyone for all their outstanding work. ■

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to a physical, medical or mental impediment. Other attorneys simply realize it's time to retire, and choose to leave the practice of law.

Whatever the reason for leaving, why not acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices made by retiring attorneys? Why don't we acknowledge their contributions to the Bar, their colleagues and their clients? Don't we, who are still practicing, owe something to each and every lawyer who came before us? I think so.

Here's my proposal. Create an Illinois Supreme Court-sanctioned ceremony for retiring attorneys. The attorney, either on his or her own or through another lawyer, moves the applicable court (state or federal) for leave to tender their law license. The court then sets aside time to hear the motion. Friends and family, peers and colleagues, are given notice, and the motion is heard. The court thanks the attorney for his or her service and tenders a certificate signed by an Illinois Supreme Court Member as well as by the judge hearing the motion. The certificate can be framed and displayed in the home office or elsewhere, also making a nice keepsake for family members. Perhaps a final order is entered indicating the attorney is taken off the rolls of active attorneys. A copy of the order could be provided to the ARDC and Supreme Court, which would assist in bookkeeping and record keeping. And, as you might expect, at the hearing of the motion, attorneys and judges would be given an opportunity to speak about their colleague, praising or roasting where appropriate. This would certainly lighten the seriousness or finality of the moment, and give those who wish an opportunity to recognize the retiring attorney.

The bottom line and intent of such a ceremony would be to grant closure to the attorney who might otherwise ... go gentle into that good night Our attorneys deserve more than a disappearing act. They deserve

a formal last hurrah and send-off loaded with all (or at least some) of the pomp and circumstance that exists for those coming into the profession.

I really see this as a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge those legal warriors who have fought, struggled and sacrificed over the years. I imagine some ceremonies would be small, intimate gatherings. I know some would be grand parades. Courts hearing such motions would be advised to adjust their calendars accordingly. As a lawyer, I personally would like to have this option. Some lawyers would avoid the spotlight, whereas others would seek it. And that's just fine – it would be their choice. As a psychotherapist, I know that such a ritual would aid retiring attorneys as they recreate themselves and find their new identity. This ceremony would be "therapeutically beneficial," as is said in the psychological world.

So let's make it happen. We need Supreme Court support, a rule and procedure drafted, and implementation. A little hard work on the front end will pay great dividends over time. In addition, after a brief search, I am not aware of any other state that provides a court-sanctioned ceremony for attorneys to tender their license and be honored for their service. Illinois has an opportunity to take the lead once again and set a model and standard for other states to follow. And, most importantly, we owe it to Illinois' attorneys who are our friends, colleagues and fellow members of the Bar. ■

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Book review

By Gary T. Rafool, Peoria, IL

I have found being a senior lawyer has many advantages, including the smoother running of your practice if you are still in practice, more time for yourself if you have retired or reduced your work time, and the launching of any children in their own careers and lives. It can also mean more time to read for pleasure.

Therefore, as a part of this newsletter, and, hopefully, many future ones, book reviews will be offered about books thought to be of interest to those of us who can now find the time to do more outside reading.

Obviously, this is not meant to compete with Oprah's book selections; however, it is intended to present a mix of both fiction and non-fiction books of interest to this reviewer and available in paperback and eBooks.

It is also the intent to have other ISBA members send suggestions of books they would recommend to others through this newsletter with a brief description of the book. These suggestions can be e-mailed to g.rafool@comcast.net, or faxed to Gary Rafool at 309-673-5537.

Finally, any comments concerning these reviews would be very much appreciated to help direct the content of future reviews.

With this in mind, the first book chosen is titled *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson, who many might remember was the author of the 2003 best seller *Devil in the White City* about the 1893 Chicago World Fair. It is a 2011 book available in paperback and eBooks. A garden of the beasts, by the way, is a term used by Germans to describe a zoo, which does have meaning in this book.

The story takes place in Berlin starting in mid-1933, with the appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of William E. Dodd as the United States Ambassador to Germany. This, of course, was the time when the Nazi Party had been elected and Adolph Hitler was named Chancellor of Germany, with almost complete power due to the illness of the Kaiser.

At the time of his appointment, Dodd was the chairman of the history department of the University of Chicago, and he achieved academic recognition because of his works about Woodrow Wilson. He and his family lived in Chicago's Hyde Park Area, but his real love was his farm and United States' southern

history.

In 1897, Dodd studied in Germany where he received a doctorate from the University of Leipzig. Although he was an accomplished historian, Dodd had no experience in the State Department, nor was he a part of the "good old boys" network within it. He was, therefore, considered a political outsider, who had no family wealth or connections. This situation haunted his entire time as Ambassador.

Consequently, Dodd was not a first or even second, third, etc. choice for Roosevelt's appointment. It appears that he was appointed as the German Ambassador simply because no one else wanted this position due to the then known cruel nature of the Nazi Regime and its hold on Germany.

The reader is taken through the daily life of Dodd, his wife, adult daughter and adult son while living in Berlin.

The book also discusses the difficulties and burdens Dodd's family encountered in their attempts to entertain as was expected of diplomats at that time, who primarily used personal—but more likely family—money, neither of which Dodd had.

While certain atrocities in Germany were known during this time to the Roosevelt Ad-

ministration and its State Department, they did not want to hear Dodd's protests. Rather, it appears that they wanted Dodd to pursue the collection of the German World War I debts to the United States as one of his primary duties.

Dodd's daughter was rather flamboyant and some even said promiscuous because of her various affairs, including one with Carl Sandburg. Originally, she failed, or refused, to believe the bad things taking place in Germany while her family was there; however, she eventually experienced some of these events, including the dire consequences of just failing to give the "Heil Hitler" salute when any one of the many parades passed by.

Because of Dodd's public outcry against the situations taking place in Germany, and because he was unable to collect Germany's war debt, President Roosevelt relieved him of his duties as Ambassador to Germany at the end of 1937.

Although the facts in this book are true, the author's writing style reads more like an interesting novel than as a work of non-fiction, and its 360-plus pages become very difficult to stop reading. ■



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Technology for seniors

By Hon. Edward J. Schoenbaum, Loren S. Golden, Gary T. Rafool, Don M. Mateer and Frank V. Ariano

This is the latest of what has become a regular column in the ISBA Senior Lawyer Section Council newsletter. Hopefully you will take a turn in contributing a section on your own "Best Practices" or problems you have in using technology. Please let us know what you need.

Applications ("Apps")

For the past few years, we have talked a lot about hardware--i.e. laptop computers, smart phones and tablets. We have tried to get you interested in using these devices in your practice, or otherwise. Our emphasis has been on the simplicity, ease and actual "fun" involved in learning this technology. Hopefully you have been motivated to at least try some of the suggestions, but in case you still are of the mistaken opinion that you are too "old" to learn something new or don't need to learn to use and incorporate technology into your practice and daily lives, let's try a new approach.

Both Apple (iOS) and Android devices each have about 1,200,000 applications that run on their devices (smart phones and tablets). 90% of these "Apps" are free. All you have to do is log-in to the App Store on your device and search for what interests you. You then download that App and it remains on your device (and others using the same operating system--e.g. downloading an App on your iPhone will also download it to your iPad (if your settings allow)--if the App is not designed to operate on only one type of device). Most Apps will run on both types.

So, with about 1,000,000 choices, without cost to you, why are you still resisting use of these devices? Perhaps you don't realize how much fun they can be, as well as how useful and even necessary to your practice they can be. Forget the latter for now, let's talk about the fun!

At any given time, I have about 160 Apps on my iPhone and iPads (full size and mini), with all but about 5 of them free. The following is a list with some brief descriptions that may catch your interest:

Starbucks--Start every day at the local Starbucks, using the free App to pay in the drive-thru line (and get a free song or game to download each week).

The Weather Channel--with coffee in hand, check the weather (most "older" people do, to the amusement of the "less mature").

Bloomberg on Stocks--a quick look at the markets (real time or updated every 15 minutes) to hopefully brighten the day, regardless of the weather.

USA Today--still drinking the coffee, and armed with the knowledge of what weather you are in for (important when you live in the mountains), it's time to check on the latest news (updated every few minutes).

Words Pro (Words with Friends)--finally awake and armed with daily "necessary" knowledge, it is time to catch up on the 6 or so pending games. If you like Scrabble, you will love WWF. You get to try letter combinations for words you have never heard of, without penalty if not a word, and with a running count of the word point value. This

is not only fun with colleagues, friends and/or family, but it also is a great brain exercise as we age. One caution however; it can be addictive and take more time than wanted. Keep the number of games small so you can still find time to practice!

Fitbit, iBike Coach, Strava, Golfshot GPS, Ski Tracks, etc.--depending on your level of physical activity, (walking, bicycling, running, golf, skiing, etc.), and now that you finished your coffee and know what you need to know, get that exercise in before you get busy with other activities that will take up that precious time (if you are not still playing WWF).

iBooks--While resting from that physical activity (so important as we "mature"), you may want to get a few chapters in on that book you started last night (on a break from WWF). Your device can hold more books than you can possibly read in your lifetime, without need for a new wing to your house for



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Obviously, this list is only the tip of the iceberg (there is probably an App for where those are currently located), but hopefully you get the idea of how technology can fit into the fun parts of your daily routines. Some others that I like to use are: *Convert Units, QR Reader, Free Level, Find iPhone, Sol Free, Scrabble, Zippo Lighter (in case you attend concerts), CNN, Distance Free, Find Friends, Dragon, HBO Go, Fandango, Dictionary, Speller and Tune-In Radio (internet radio)*. I have not included useful practice aids such as *Fastcase, Pages, Numbers, Keynote, Office Mobile, Email and Messaging*, but we are trying to talk fun here.

One final point, when you download your choices of the 1,200,000 available Apps, it is helpful to put them in "folders." To do that, merely hold down one of the App icons until it "wiggles" and drag it onto a similar App. A "folder" will automatically be created. You then push the home button to save it.

You are running out of excuses to resist the use of technology. If you aren't ready to incorporate these devices into your daily professional lives, do it for fun. We guarantee, you will get hooked!

Computers For Senior Lawyers Workshop

We just completed the second of our Computers for Senior Lawyers CLE program on Friday, May 9, 2014, at National Louis University at 122 South Michigan Avenue. We had an excellent group of senior lawyers participating. The computer lab we used only allowed for 21 students and we had to turn people away.

Our four presenters did a great job again. John Phipps, Meghan O'Brien, (immediate past chair of Young Lawyers Division), Don Mateer, and Ed Schoenbaum. We were very fortunate that Meghan was able to recruit 10



Senior Lawyers attend the program, "Computer Basics: Is This Thing On?" on May 9.

other young lawyers to help with the "hands on" part of the educational experience. Each two seniors could share one of the young lawyers in "reverse mentoring."

We want to thank these other Young Lawyers for their great mentoring: Mike DiNatale, Jean Kenol, Marron Mahoney, Sarah Toney, Kysia Ressler, Brian Monico, Katie Hegarty, Frances Ekwerekwu, and Sarah Boeckman.

All of us also want to thank Eugenia C. Hunter for all of her work with the ISBA CLE staff in putting this program together for CLE credit.

Comments on the course evaluations on what the participants liked included: "The young lawyer giving assistance" or "Help from the young lawyers" "the assistance provided by the young lawyers was indispensable. They were helpful and patient." "Hands on help." "Hands on practicing."

Quality of instructors were among those things they liked best and "Materials had good detail."

Some of the things they would like us to add in future programs are: "More drafting of documents, more cutting and pasting, red lining documents" "More on Dragon Naturally Speaking," "more legal research on computers, smaller classes and one on one, additional program to supplement first course, hardware and software and data backup, and amplification of speakers because of so much background noise."

This time the course cost more but everyone earned 3.5 hours of professional credit – PMCLE. It was so popular we plan on repeating the course again this fall, tweaking it again based on the suggestions of those who attended. People down-state have also asked that we provide a course for them. The Senior Lawyer Section Council is looking into conducting one in Springfield next year. ■



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gawk around the room of course, then I would tell them that a tragedy befell me, a horrible tragedy, and everybody's on the edge of their chairs saying, what happened? I would look at them and say, I passed the Illinois bar exam and they would get the joke. But I tell people you should never give up your passions whatever they are. The other thing is, I have had older lawyers call me, friends and colleagues of mine, just to schmooze, to talk about ... I'm thinking of retirement, what am I doing this for. So we talk; I have no answer; I am not a trained therapist. We talk about it and I say one of the things that I tell people that are getting up in years is the issue is not whether you have all your marbles; it is whether you have all the marbles that count. There are some of the marbles we do not have as we get older. We have all this information in our head and sometimes we cannot remember some person's name, something like that. That does not mean that you do not have the marbles that count. I tell lawyers that you should sit there and do a regular inventory; you should know your cases. So far, knock on wood, I can still do a pretty good job at it. But I still think about it and I think more and more about it especially when I have colleagues call me and talk about that.

Mateer: What contingency plans do you have in place for your clients if you suffer a serious illness or disability?

Golden: I'm glad you asked that question, that's a good question. The Illinois State Bar Association through the Senior Lawyers Section Council has presented a seminar by John Maville and John Phipps concerning what you do when your secretary gets a call and finds that Loren won't be coming in today; he's stroked out or passed away. Do you have some plan in place? It was a terrific seminar; in fact I saw it twice, I was the emcee of the seminar. I do have a plan in place; there is another attorney who I have known for years who does plaintiff's and defense work and is very capable, a great personality. I have spoken to him; if that happens, would he

want to step in and, of course, he says yes. Having said that, as you know, lawyers cannot buy and sell clients, but I do have that plan in place and it is up to the clients as to whether they continue with the attorney I have chosen.

Mateer: We have talked about some of these, but what other interests do you have besides the practice of law?

Golden: Besides performing arts, I am active in my Kiwanis club; I think everybody should be involved in service clubs. I think that's really important. Especially young people should be involved in service clubs since membership in service clubs is getting older and older. I think altruism is just a good thing. It makes you feel good and it's a good idea.

Mateer: How and why are you still involved with the ISBA?

Golden: Well, I gave that talk too. I've told people this; the moment I got active with the ISBA is when Roger Eichmeier called up. He was a judge here, active in the ISBA in the 80s and I was not at that time. He said how would you like to be on the assembly and I said what's that? I was led kicking and screaming to the practice of law because I had all these other interests. The interest in the arts and performance and all of that. If somebody had told me back then I would be president of the State Bar, I would've said you have me confused with somebody else. I'm a jazz piano player, I'm an actor and I do all this stuff. But he called up and said do that. I said I will get active and I think that is what saved me. I do not mean to sound like a religious zealot but it helped me come out of my cave; we're all in caves as we practice. I talked to other lawyers and it really saved me as being a lawyer. I really got focus and perspective connecting with other lawyers. It was the best thing I ever did. So people say to me, I do not have time to do that and I say everybody says they do not have time. They say, you're president, do you have time for that, and I tell them, you always have time. The time I have

spent with the Illinois State Bar has come back and paid dividends, way large dividends. I'm not talking about money; I'm talking about turning law into a passion, and doing that like I do the other passions in my life. That's what was crucial. I am a huge booster of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Mateer: Tell me more about Roger Eichmeier contacting you?

Golden: He was on the board of governors of the Illinois State Bar Association, he passed away not too long ago, I believe. I didn't really know him that well; I do not know why he picked me. I tell people it had to be because I was active with the Kane County Bar doing bar shows then, writing music and playing the piano. I can only assume that is what he saw. If you can see people doing their passion, that is the best way to size somebody up. You can see the real person, that is important.

Mateer: What do you do, if anything, to keep your mind sharp and focused on legal tasks?

Golden: I don't think I do anything consciously. I don't do any mental exercises but I come to the office on a daily basis, unless we travel. My wife is a retired judge. I come to the office and I look at my practice. I would suggest older attorneys, if they do not have this, get a software program. I have a software program for personal injury, and I feel it is important to have something like that. My paralegal knows all about how to run that program and I think this helps keep you sharp. And regularly I tell myself to print out statutes of limitation, which my paralegal does regularly for me. I look them over and, so far, things have been fine. The other thing I say you should do as a practicing older attorney is always keep up your liability insurance. I am with ISBA Mutual. I think that is very important. It's important not just for you and your family but it is important for your clients.

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Mateer: If you could give only one piece of advice to a senior lawyer continuing the practice of law versus retirement, what would that be?

Golden: Don't be isolated. Be out there with your service clubs, State Bar, with the county bar. Always be out there with these people. That will keep you connected. It will also let you know maybe it's time to retire. To be isolated is not good for anybody.

Mateer: What do you enjoy most about practicing law?

Golden: Helping people. I would like to say it's making oodles of money, but we know I haven't done that. I think it's important to feel relevant and connected for your well-being. You know you settle a case and get a fee and for \$100, you get two grand you get \$500, it's a big deal. It does not mean you're generating wealth but it means you are relevant. You're still there. You're still in the game. That's really important.

Mateer: Loren would you now give us some of your background?

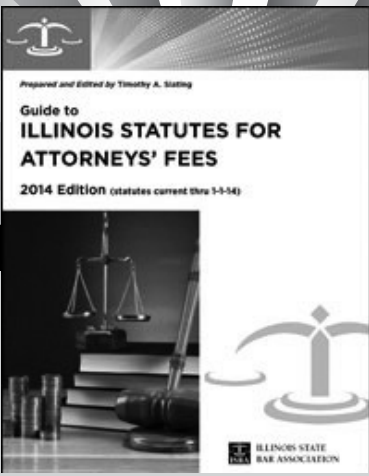
Golden: I was born and raised in Kewanee, Illinois, the hog capital of the world, the only Jewish kid that was born and raised in a town that celebrates pork. My dad was a podiatrist there, born and raised there. My grandpa came over from the old country, didn't have a roof kind of thing. I am Jewish obviously. From there I graduated from Wethersfield High School; there were two high schools in Kewanee, do not ask me why. I went to Drake for undergraduate and law school. I played piano at the old Playboy Club Hotel in Lake Geneva. I tell the story about my friend Wendell Clancy who practices in Geneva with his son Mike Clancy; they are dear friends, like family. Here I was a young lawyer, 1970-1971, and taking a deposition out in Geneva. I was doing dram shop defense work and Wendell had the plaintiff's case. We finished the deposition, and I never told people back then, by the way I'm in show business,

but it was during the week and I had to run to my car, it was in the afternoon, and put my tuxedo on and drive up to Lake Geneva to play the Phyllis Diller show. I do that, I drive up and get on stage. I'm with the band, the curtains open up, Phyllis is walking on stage, and I'm playing the piano and right down in the front row is Wendell Clancy! He looks at me and his jaw drops and I put my finger to my lips and I go "shhhh," don't tell anybody. I have a schizophrenic life between acting, show business and the law. Sometimes I think they're all the same. I will tell you this, if you have been involved in acting classes, they tell you to always be true and honest. Be true to your emotion, be true and honest in the emotion you are portraying. They tell you the same thing in trial technique classes, do not ever try to BS the jury, be yourself. That goes a long way.

Mateer: Thanks Loren, it was really fun and entertaining to talk with you today. Thanks for taking the time.

Golden: My pleasure. ■

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Interview with a happily practicing senior lawyer

By Don Mateer

My first interview for the Senior Lawyers newsletter was of Frank Ariano, a happily retired senior lawyer. The following is an interview with Loren Golden who is happily continuing his practice of law into his senior years.

Mateer: Loren, when were you licensed to practice law and how many years have you been practicing law?

Golden: I was first licensed in 1968. I went to Drake University and I was licensed in Iowa. And I came to Illinois that same summer of 1968. I did not pass the Illinois bar exam until 1969. During that period of time I was a piano player at the Playboy Club in Chicago.

Mateer: Do you have plans to retire anytime in the near future?

Golden: No, I get asked that more and more and I keep wondering why people ask me that until I walk by a mirror (I don't look

at myself a lot). I look in the mirror and jump back and realize that's why they are asking me. Unfortunately, I have not had any work done on my face and I probably should add some color to my hair but I do not do that either. Anyway, I have no plans to retire.

Mateer: Why is it that you have no plans to retire?

Golden: Well, I think about it more and more the older I get. One of the reasons has been that I have been lucky, let's just call it dumb luck. I have been blessed with inordinate good health, at least so far. People still call me and attorneys still refer people to me. I do personal injury and I help people. The case could be any case, it could be a case like the one in Mount Carroll (the grain bin case) which was \$830,000+ but, more to the point, I take cases where people get rear-ended complaining of whiplash. They come to me and say they need help and I help them. That's why

I still do it because I still help people. It helps you continue to feel connected and relevant.

Mateer: What advice do you have for attorneys who wish to continue their active practice of law into their senior years?

Golden: When I was Bar President, I used to give a talk to the incoming young lawyers and I would always tell them to never give up their passions, whatever their passions were. Mine happened to be a jazz pianist and professional actor. So I was very connected to the arts and still am, doing the Kane County bar show on April 12th and playing jazz piano at the Elgin community college on April 14th. I tell the young lawyers that this is very important. I will joke with young lawyers. I'll say that here I was playing piano at the Playboy Club in Chicago and all my classmates would come in from Drake to see me play and kind of

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