

MARK C. PALMER

WORK EXPERIENCE

Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism

Chief Counsel

2015–Present

Facilitate the promotion of professionalism, civility, and integrity among our lawyers and judges across Illinois under the leadership of the Supreme Court. Support the legal and judicial systems to better provide equitable, efficient, and effective service to the citizens of Illinois through education and outreach initiatives.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law

Adjunct Professor

2009–Present

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Police Training Institute

Instructor

2012–Present

Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley

Attorney

2006–2015

Private practice trial attorney primarily focused on commercial litigation, banking law, and municipal law. Other areas included federal criminal and civil litigation, commercial and residential real estate transactions and litigation, business formation and advising, appeals, and other general practice. Member of the federal Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel appointed to represent indigent criminal defendants and prisoners in the U.S. Courts.

State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of China (Beijing) – *Teaching Assistant*

2005

East IP Law Firm (Beijing) – *Researcher*

2005

UIC John Marshall Law School – *Teaching Assistant*

2004–2005

Spencer Stuart – *Researcher*

2000–2004

City of Champaign, Illinois – *Police Officer*

1999–2000

EDUCATION

University of Illinois-Chicago John Marshall Law School, *Juris Doctor*

2005

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (Pre-Law)*

1999

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Illinois State Bar Association

2006–Present

Board of Governors

2019–Present

Assembly Member

2013–Present

Local Government Law Section Council – *Chair, 2011–2012; Council Member, 2007–2013, 2019–Present*

Intellectual Property Section Council – *Council Member, 2020–Present*

Standing Committee on Legal Technology – *Committee Member, 2013–Present; Chair, 2016–2017*

Standing Committee on Government Lawyers – *Committee Member, 2019–2020*

Standing Committee on Marketing & Communications – *Committee Member, 2014–2018*

Champaign County Bar Association – *Member, 2006–Present; Board of Governors, 2018–Present*

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) 6th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee – *Chair, 2012–Present*

Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association (ILGL) – *Member, 2006–2015*

ILGL Municipal Prosecutors' Group – *Member, 2006–2015; Steering Committee, 2013–2015*

American Bar Association – *Member, 2016–Present*

International Legal Technology Association (ILTA) – *Member, 2019–Present*

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

University of Illinois I-Promise Mentoring Program – *Mentor, 2011–2012, 2020–Present*

University of Illinois Varsity I Mentoring Program – *Mentor, 2020–Present*

CU One-to-One Mentoring Foundation – *Mentor, 2006–2013; Board, 2007–2013; President, 2012–2013*

Presence Covenant Medical Center Foundation – *Board, 2007–2016; Chair, 2011–2012*

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago’s “Lawyers in the Classroom” Series – *Volunteer, 2008–2013*

NOTABLE CASES

United States v. Lacy, Case No. 15--2740 (7th Cir. 2016). Whether the district court erred when it ordered that the appellant’s sentence run consecutive to any potential state sentence yet to be forthcoming, if at all, at the time of the federal sentencing without a reasonable analysis of the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors.

Gerdau Ameristeel United States, Inc. v. Broeren Russo Constr., Inc., 2015 IL App (4th) 140385-U. Mechanics Lien subcontractors awarded statutory 10% interest on pro rata lien amounts over assertion that no interest should be awarded on pro rata reduced claim amounts per the Act.

Gerdau Ameristeel United States, Inc. v. Broeren Russo Constr., Inc., 2013 IL App (4th) 120547, 992 N.E.2d 27, 372 Ill.Dec. 488. Plaintiff subcontractors granted summary judgment on foreclosure of mechanics liens over assertion of proper payee defense of owner and general contractor.

BankChampaign v. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 2012 IL App (4th) 110588-U. Plaintiff Bank’s mortgage entitled to priority over Defendant’s mortgage because it is the only valid mortgage against the subject property subsequent to quit claim deeds in trust.

United States v. Simon, Case No. 12-1583 (7th Cir. 2012). Appeal of criminal sentencing calculation and statutory penalties regarding the application of the Fair Sentencing Act. Before oral argument, appellant's sentence was vacated and remanded for resentencing in accordance with *Dorsey* and the Fair Sentencing Act.

Village of Rantoul v. Mabus, No. 4-11-0714 (Ill.App. 4th Dist. 2012; Rule 23 Order). Appeal of failure of court to conduct a hearing on a motion to substitute judge was meritless because motion was granted and Code of Civil Procedure, as applied in ordinance violation cases, allows for one substitution without cause.

Gant v. United States, 627 F.3d 677 (7th Cir. 2010), cert. denied. Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 for resentencing contending defendant failed to qualify for the Armed Career Criminal Act sentencing enhancement due the having his civil rights restored.

In re the Guardianship of K.R.J., 405 Ill.App.3d 527, 942 N.E.2d 598, 347 Ill.Dec. 395 (Ill.App. 4th Dist. 2010). Jurisdiction of the court for a non-parent to seek guardianship of a minor under Section 11-5(b) of the Probate Act and a finding of unfitness requirement of a contesting parent.

Busey Bank v. Arbour Walk Village, LLC, et al., No. 4-10-0250, 4-10-0251 (consolidated) (Ill.App. 4th Dist, November 1, 2010). Timeliness and sufficiency of Defendants’ Notice of Appeal under Ill. Supreme Court Rules 303(a) and 303(b); finality and appealability of an Order; bar of Counterclaim due to *res judicata*.

Gant v. U.S., Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2010 WL 477014 (C.D.Ill., 2010). Motion for Reconsideration of Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 for resentencing contending defendant failed to qualify for the Armed Career Criminal Act sentencing enhancement due the having his civil rights restored.

In re Sports Pub., Inc. (Midland States Bank v. Innerworkings, LLC. et al.), Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2010 WL 750008, 72 UCC Rep.Serv.2d 383, C.D.Ill., March 03, 2010 (No. 09-CV-2132).

Appeal from U.S. Bankruptcy Court, C.D. Ill. whether a valid Purchase Money Security Interest (PMSI) existed with regard to certain property of debtor.

Gant v. U.S., Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2009 WL 5174733 (C.D.Ill., 2009).

Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 for resentencing contending defendant failed to qualify for the Armed Career Criminal Act sentencing enhancement due the having his civil rights restored.

Krull v. City of Urbana, No. 08-2079 (December 3, 2009) C.D. Ill.

42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging a violation of Plaintiff's constitutional rights due to City's enacted ordinance for the registration and inspection of rental properties.

Barmann (Trustee) v. May, Adv No. 06-09009 (August 23, 2007) Bankr. C.D.Ill.

Bank's lien priority on real property due to equitable subrogation.

PUBLICATIONS

Four Ethical Questions for Operating a Virtual Law Office, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 27, No. 3, April 2020, ISBA.

Can Lawyers Ethically Accept Cryptocurrency?, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 27, No. 2, January 2020, ISBA.

Ida O. Abbott, *The Lawyer's Guide to Mentoring*, 2nd Edition (2018) – Contributing author

12 ways to avoid a rejected e-filing and other Illinois e-filing tips, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 26, No. 1, September 2018, ISBA.

Lawyers may not secretly track sent emails, says ISBA opinion, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 25, No. 4, April 2018, ISBA.

What can Illinois courts learn from PACER?, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 24, No. 3, February 2017, ISBA.

E-mail service: Ready or not, it has arrived, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 24, No. 2, November 2016, ISBA.

How reliable are those online attorney reviews really?, Standing Committee on Legal Technology Newsletter, Vol. 23, No. 5, May 2016, ISBA.

Synthetic drugs: Playing catch-up with chemicals, Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 48, No. 4, December 2011, ISBA.

Who's that knocking at my door? A synopsis of door-to-door solicitation cases, Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 47, No. 5, January 2011, ISBA.

Safety vs. Sanctity - The Balancing Act of Rental Property Inspections, Journal of Illinois Institute for Local Government Law, Vol. 8, No. 5, 2010 (Reprint); Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 46, No. 4, February 2010, ISBA (Original).

A Guide to Consular Notification for Local Governments, Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 45, No. 6, February 2009, ISBA.

Recent Issues in Illinois Liquor Laws & Enforcement, Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 45, No. 1, July 2008, ISBA.

Prosecution of Municipal Ordinances Violations and a Preview of the Proposed Supreme Court Rules Addressing Them, Local Government Law Newsletter, Vol. 44, No. 9, April 2008, ISBA.

Right of Redemption or Not, Junior Mortgagee Has Right to File Separate Foreclosure Action, Commercial, Banking & Bankruptcy Law Newsletter, Vol. 50, No. 9, September 2006, ISBA.

"Professionalism on Point" Column in the CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN

Providing justice for your clients through proximity, listening, August 13, 2020.

Cloud storage and attorney ethics, July 11, 2018.

As new attorneys enter the profession, something to think about, October 19, 2017.

Walking in the public's shoes: How court personnel can do their jobs better, December 20, 2016.

Welcome to techlaw: E-mail service something you should learn and do, August 31, 2016.

Illinois courts can learn something from the federal Pacer system, June 15, 2016.

How reliable are those online attorney rating review services anyway?, February 25, 2016.

"Ask the Experts" Column at ATTORNEY AT WORK online

Ethical Considerations of Legal Chatbots (2020)

Moving to a Virtual Law Office: How to Ethically 'Practice in Place' (2020)

Ethical Considerations in Boosting Your Client Reviews (2019)

How to Avoid Getting Hooked by Phishing Scams (2019)

Is Crowdfunding Legal Services Ethically Permissible? (2019)

Can Lawyers Ethically Accept Cryptocurrency? (2018)

Can Lawyers Ethically Store and Transmit Client Info in the Cloud? (2018)

Does Email Tracking Violate the Rules of Professional Conduct? (2018)

Is Jury Research on Social Media an Ethics Risk or a Competency Requirement? (2018)

Can Lawyers and Judges Be Social Media Friends? (2017)

The Right Way to Start a Law Blog? (2017)

How to Respond to Negative Online Attorney Reviews (2017)

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of Illinois

State of Illinois