

## Alumni Spotlight



**Philip Harnett Corboy Jr. (77)** was installed as president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) as well as president of the board of directors of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago in June 2008.

"I'm honored to become the 55th president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association," Corboy says. "From the time I started working as a lawyer in the Cook County States Attorney's Office in 1978, and continuing with my practice as a plaintiff's attorney, I've fought hard to protect the rights of the citizens in this state. As president of ITLA, I'll have the opportunity to address those rights as the representative of the 2,000-plus plaintiff's trial attorneys here in Illinois."

The Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAFMC) is Illinois' largest legal aid program for low income and elderly people, serving more than 30,000 clients last year. "For the last 40 years, LAFMC has protected the legal rights of our most vulnerable citizens — battered women, people with disabilities, public housing residents, children, the elderly, veterans, people with HIV-AIDS and many others," says Corboy. "I applaud the more than 90 staff attorneys and 35 paralegals who do a tremendous job each day representing their clients. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the president of the board of directors and to work with such a fine and noble organization."

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1978, Corboy worked in a small white-collar criminal defense firm before joining the criminal division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. He joined Corboy & Demetrio as an associate in 1985 and became a partner in 1991. His practice centers on representing plaintiffs in aviation and construction litigation, medical and professional negligence, product and premises liability, claims brought under the Federal Employers' Liability Act, and vehicular accident law. He has settled or tried to verdict more than 37 cases in which plaintiffs have recovered \$1 million or more.

In September, he was named to *Crain's* 2008 list of "Who's Who in Chicago Business" in the legal profession. He is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America," an invitation-only, peer-selected publication, has been named one of the top five percent of all Illinois attorneys by the Leading Lawyers Network, and has been designated an Illinois Super Lawyer. And, in 2002, he was inducted into the invitation-only American College of Trial Lawyers, the country's pre-eminent organization of trial lawyers that limits its membership to those trial lawyers who are outstanding and considered the best in their state.

Corboy is a frequent panelist and lecturer to local, state and national bar associations and also devotes much of his time to charitable and nonprofit endeavors. He also is a member of the College of Law Dean's Council.