



**SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS**

**CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE MARY ANN G. MCMORROW**

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December 29, 2005

Honorable James Wexstten, President  
Illinois Judges Association  
321 South Plymouth Court  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Wexstten:

As you know, the Illinois Judges Association and the Supreme Court of Illinois are both vitally interested in improving civility and professionalism in the practice of law. The topic is very current.

Recently I received a copy of an article written by the Honorable William J. Bauer, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, which appeared in the Federal Judges Association Newsletter on November 30, 2005. Judge Bauer is a highly respected member of the judiciary. He is well known to the Federal and State bench and to members of the bar. I enclose a copy of the article he wrote on civility and professionalism. He wrote of the need for judges to be role models in providing a courtroom atmosphere governed by kindness, civility, and fairness. Unfortunately, we are too infrequently reminded of the need for kindness in fulfilling our duties.

In my opinion, his article is one of the best articles I have read on the topic. However, I believe that most of our state court judges do not belong to the Federal Judges Association and, therefore, will not see the article. With Judge Bauer's permission, I send you a copy of his article in the hope that it might be published to the members of the Illinois Judges Association. I think our members might benefit, as I benefitted, from reading the article.

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I thank you for your attention to this matter. You are enjoying a good year as President of the Illinois Judges Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Ann G. McMorrow".

MARY ANN G. McMORROW  
Justice

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C: Honorable William J. Bauer