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## In the News

### In the law firms

Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC added **Ariane M. Janz** to its law firm.

Janz practices in civil litigation with an emphasis on commercial disputes and business and corporate law.

She previously served as a law clerk for Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge C.J. Williams for the Northern District of Iowa.

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Lathrop Gage LLP announced that **Bryan E. Minier** has been selected by the firm's executive committee to serve as partner-in-charge.

Minier practices on bankruptcy and creditors' rights, corporate reorganizations and also advises clients on a variety of commercial litigation matters.

He frequently counsels clients in cases related to Chapter 11 reorganizations and Chapter 7 liquidations as well as a range of other matters.

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**Stephanie Donovan**, an attorney focused on education matters, has joined Tressler LLP's Chicago and Bolingbrook offices as a partner.

Donovan has a background in education law as well as labor and employment law.

She will be a member of the local government practice group with a focus on the group's school district clients.



Bryan E. Minier



Stephanie Donovan



Michael D. Leifman

She previously served as the general counsel for the Illinois State Board of Education.



**Michael D. Leifman**, who started as a marketing intern and law clerk at Chuhak & Tecson P.C. and eventually became a staff attorney, is now an associate.

Leifman practices on banking matters such as commercial mortgage foreclosures, Uniform Commercial Code issues, creditors' rights, bankruptcies, commercial workouts and the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act compliance.

Similar to Leifman, **Margaret M. Walsh** also started as a law clerk, became a staff attorney and was also elevated to an associate.

Walsh practices secured lending, commercial real estate and corporate transactions.

## Around town

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago's 83rd annual Votive Red Mass of the Holy Spirit, traditionally known as the Red Mass, will be Oct. 2 at 5:15 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St.

The Mass will start with a procession of judges and lawyers down the main aisle.

A reception will follow a block away at Loyola University's Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson St.

For more information, e-mail [admin@clgchicago.org](mailto:admin@clgchicago.org) or visit [clgchicago.org](http://clgchicago.org).

## In the courts

ADR Systems announced that retired judge **Edward Washington II** has joined its panel of senior mediators and arbitrators.

In his 30 years of legal experience, Washington has served as in-house counsel for a Fortune 500 corporation, a national law firm partner in litigation and as a trial judge in the Cook County Circuit Court.

In his judicial career, he presided over commercial matters including antitrust, business dissolution and employment, along with personal-injury matters such as medical malpractice, product liability and mass torts.

He also has experience in legal malpractice and probate cases.

He serves as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, where he teaches trial advocacy.



Margaret M. Walsh



Edward Washington II