



RESOURCES FOR EXTENDED PLACEMENT ATTORNEYS IN CHICAGO September 2009

Below are some resources that may be useful to attorneys beginning extended placements in Chicago.

Bar Associations

- Chicago Bar Association, www.chicagobar.org
 - First 6 months complimentary; \$45 every six months for the first 2 years of practice.
- American Bar Association, www.abanet.org
 - Membership Free for Attorneys Practicing One Year or Less
 - ABA Center on Pro Bono is a national resource on pro bono

Practice Support and Networking

- **The CBA Legal Aid Committee** meets the first Thursday of each month, and addresses a substantive topic relevant to the legal aid community. You do not need to be a CBA member to attend.
- www.IllinoisLegalAidOnline.org
 - 3 Websites to Know about:
 - www.IllinoisLegalAdvocate.org
 - Website for legal aid attorneys in Illinois that includes access to research and other helpful resources.
 - When you register for access, indicate “Extended Placement” as your position.
 - www.IllinoisProBono.org
 - Website for pro bono attorneys in Illinois.
 - www.IllinoisLegalAid.org
 - Website for the public that provides free information about legal rights and responsibilities to those with a legal problem (and is also a great starting point if you need to learn about a new area of law).
- **The CBF Legal Aid Academy**
 - Provides free training and professional development opportunities to legal aid attorneys in Illinois. All programs are identified on www.IllinoisLegalAdvocate.org, and you are welcome to join these sessions.

Continuing Education Requirements

- Newly admitted attorneys in Illinois are required to complete a basic skills course within 12 months of admission to the bar. For detailed information on Illinois MCLE requirements: www.mcleboard.org.
- The Chicago Bar Association presents a basic skills course the last week of October. For pricing and other information visit www.chicagobar.org. Your firm may also offer a basic skills session.

Research

- LexisNexis Associates Serving Public Interests Research (ASPIRE) Program
 - LexisNexis services free of charge for eligible attorneys. For more information about eligibility requirements and to register, visit: www.lexisnexis.com/aspire.

If you have questions or for additional resources, contact:

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