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EDUCATION

B.A., Grinnell College, 1964. Alumni award presented June 4, 1993

Graduate study at The University of Heidelberg, Germany, 1964-1965

J.D., The University of Chicago, 1968

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Admitted to Practice Law

The Supreme Court of Illinois; The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; The Supreme Court of the United States

Professional Association Memberships

The American Bar Association: Member since 1979. Active in the Section on Business Law and its Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code, of which member of the Sub-Committees on Articles 1 and 2, and former Chair of the Subcommittee on Goods and Services of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of the U.C.C.

The American Bar Foundation: elected in 2010

The American Law Institute: elected in 2009. Member of the Members Consultative Groups on Principles of Government Ethics, Principles of Consumer Contracts, and Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses

The Armenian Bar Association: Member since 1989 (founding member). Member, Board of Governors, 1991-2000; Chair of the Board 1995-1998; Chair of the Genocide Research Project Committee, 2000-2016. Lifetime Achievement Award presented May 9, 2009. Inaugural Professor Ann M. Lousin Legal Scholar Award presented May 21, 2016

The Chicago Bar Association: Member since 1970. Leadership positions: Chair of the Constitutional Law Committee, 1978-1980, 1987-1989, 1998-1999; Co-Chair, Joint I.S.B.A.-C.B.A. Task Force on the Judiciary, 2005-2006; Co-Chair, Special C.B.A. Committee on the Constitutional Convention, 2007-2008; Honored as a fifty-year member on May 12, 2022. Presented the Justice John Paul Stevens Award on October 2, 2023.

The Chicago Council of Lawyers: Member since 1969 (founding member)

The Commercial Law League of America: Member since c. 1980

The Lawyers Club of Chicago: elected in 2010

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois: Member since 1968. Member of the Board of Directors 1975-1977

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UIC Law School (1975-present; until August 16, 2019, The John Marshall Law School)

Assistant Professor, 1975-1977; Associate Professor, 1977-1980; Professor since 1980. Main subjects: Sales Transactions, Secured Transactions, Legislation, Illinois Constitutional Law, and Contracts. Major Committee Positions: Member, Faculty Self-Study Committee, 1990-1995; Chair, Faculty Self-Study Committee, 1997-2002; Member of Faculty Executive Committee, 2001-2003 (Chair 2002-2003) and 2012-2014 (Vice-chair 2012-2013); Chair of several other standing committees

Member and officer of the law school chapter of The American Association of University Professors, 1981-present

Faculty advisor, The John Paul Stevens Inn of Phi Delta Phi since its founding, 1976-present; The Middle Eastern and North African Law Students Association, 2008-present; advisor to several other organizations in the past

Honors: "Best professor" award voted by the June, 1997 graduating class; President's award, The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, presented June 12, 2009; "Dedicated service to the legal profession" award, chosen by the deans, June 3, 2012; Edward T. and Noble W. Lee Chair in Constitutional Law, 2013-2014; Distinguished Service award, The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, presented May 18, 2017

Seventy-eighth Session, Illinois General Assembly (1973-1975)

Parliamentarian of the Illinois House of Representatives. Responsible for drafting the House Rules for session and assisted in preparation of Joint Rules; adviser to the Speaker and other legislators on rules, procedure, constitutional and legal questions; assisted Attorney General in litigation involving the General Assembly; and drafted legislation.

Seventy-seventh Session, Illinois General Assembly (1971-1973)

Staff Assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Majority staff for the Committees on Constitution Implementation and Revenue; advised the Speaker on the United States and Illinois constitutions; drafted many bills dealing with the 1970 Illinois Constitution and revenue problems; and reviewed hundreds of bills in those fields.

Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention (1970)

Research Assistant, March-September 1970. Legal researcher for the Committee on Revenue and Finance; active in researching and writing reports to the Revenue and Finance articles. Also assisted Committees on Bill of Rights, Local Government, Suffrage and Amending, Judiciary, and Style, Drafting and Submission. Wrote the first draft of the official explanations of the constitution distributed to the Illinois electorate prior to the referendum on December 15, 1970.

GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Illinois State Civil Service Commission (1977-1983)

Appointed chairperson and member by Governor James R. Thompson in June, 1977. Ex officio member of the State Advisory Impasse Panel and Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees. Responsible for the administrative agency that heard appeals of allocation, discharge, suspension, etc., of 62,000 state employees and approved rules of the Department of Personnel.

Redistricting Process Review Commission (1992-1999)

Appointed member by Secretary of State George H. Ryan to a commission to study the Illinois legislative redistricting process and suggest amendments to Article 4, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution

Adult Advisory Board of the Department of Corrections (1994-2003)

Member (October, 1994–January, 2003). Appointed by Governor Jim Edgar, re-appointed in 1997; Chair of Committee on Incarcerated Women

Illinois Courts Commission (July 2001-July 2003)

Alternate Citizen Member. Appointed by Governor George H. Ryan.

Proclamation of Appreciation (May 1, 2018)

Proclamation of appreciation for "service to the citizens of Illinois"; introduced and presented by President John J. Cullerton of the Illinois State Senate.

PUBLICATIONS IN LEGAL PERIODICALS

Constitutional Intent: The Illinois Supreme Court's Use of the Record in Interpreting the 1970 Illinois Constitution, 8 J. Marshall J. Prac. & Proc. 189 (1975)

From Bone Gap to Chicago: A History of the Local Government Article of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, 9 J. Marshall J. Prac. & Proc. 697 (1976) (with Joan G. Anderson)

Book Review: "Volume Eleven of Williston on Contracts (Jaeger, 3rd ed.)," 1 Potomac L. Rev. 31 (1978)

"Heller & Co. et al. v. Convalescent Home et al.: Leases, Sales & the Scope of Article Two of the U.C.C. in Illinois," 69 Ill. B.J. 468 (1979) (First Honorable Mention in the 1979 Lincoln Essay Contest of the Illinois State Bar Association)

Annual Survey of the Uniform Commercial Code, 37 Bus. Law. 949 (1982), 39 Bus. Law. 1315 (1984) 40 Bus. Law. 1457 (1985), 42 Bus. Law. 1213 (1987), 43 Bus. Law. 1425 & 1513 (1988), 45 Bus. Law. 819 and 2281 (1990) (one of several contributors)

Book Review: "Handling Automobile Warranty and Repossession Cases by Roger D. Billings, Jr.," 18 J. Marshall L. Rev. 559 (1985)

Book Review: "Cannibalism and the Common Law by A.W. Brian Simpson," 19 J. Marshall L. Rev. 821 (1986)

Justice Brennan: A Tribute to a Federal Judge Who Believes in State's Rights, 20 J. Marshall L. Rev. 1 (1986)

The 1970 Illinois Constitution: Has it Been Effective?, 8 N.I.U. L. Rev. 571 (1988)

The 1970 Illinois Constitution: The First Two Decades - A Selected Bibliography, 8 N.I.U. L. Rev. 845 (1988), an updated version (current through early 1988) of "A Selected Bibliography on the 1970 Illinois Constitution: The First Decade," copyright 1983 (The John Marshall Law School Library Publication Series No. 2)

The New *Ex Parte* Communications Rule in Illinois: A Step Forward?, 19 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 1031 (1988)

"Another Con Con? It's Our Choice," Chicago Bar Record, June, 1988 at 30

"In Memoriam: Kendal C. Byrnes," 22 J. Marshall L. Rev. iii (1988) (with John D. Gorby)

Book Review: "Commentary on the International Sales Law: The 1980 Vienna Sales Convention by C.M. Bianca, M.J. Bonell, *et al.*," 93 Comm. L.J. 529 (1988)

Book Review: "Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate by Eli N. Evans", 34 The Decalogue J. 23 (1989); shortened version appeared under the same title in 82 Ill. Historical J. 209 (Autumn 1989)

Cases on the Scope of Article 2, 46 Bus. Law. 1855 (1991) (in "U.C.C. Survey: Scope of Article 2" with other contributors)

"Canons of Construction: Words in a Series," 79 Ill. B.J. 458 (1991)

Book Review: "An International Restatement of Contract Law -- The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts by Michael Joachim Bonell," 30 J. Marshall L. Rev. 761 (1997)

"Foreward to the Symposium on Article 2B", 16 J. Marshall J. Comp. & Info. L. 205 (1997)

"The Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods" in FREEDOM OF CONTRACT CONFERENCE, collected papers published by Masaryk University, Brno, The Czech Republic, at 82 (1997)

"Foreward to the Symposium on UCITA", 18 J. Marshall J. Comp. & Info. L. 275 (1999)

Proposed UCC 2-103 of the 2000 Version of the Revision of Article 2, 54 SMU L. Rev. 913 (2001) (contribution to Symposium on Revised Article 1 and Proposed Revised Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code)

Challenges Facing State Constitutions in the Twenty-First Century, 62 La. L. Rev. 17 (2001)

"Risk of Loss" (Chapter 6 in volume 1) and "Preparation of Contracts Governed by the CISG" (Chapter 35 in volume 3) – supplements to these two chapters in COMMERCIAL LAW AND PRACTICE GUIDE, ed. Zaretsky, McLaughlin, and Cohen, published by the Commercial Law League of America through Matthew Bender Co., 2003

"Francis D. Morrissey: A Teacher and a Colleague", 41 J. Marshall L. Rev. xxviii (2008).

"Will Illinois Hold a Constitutional Convention?", <http://ssrn.com/abstract-126469>. (Working Paper Series, September 3, 2008)

"Remarks at Memorial Service for Dean Emeritus Fred F. Herzog April 17, 2008", 41 J. Marshall L. Rev. xxv (2008)

"The effect of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* on Illinois Elections," www.iicle.com/articles/Article.aspx?ID=56 (July 23, 2010)

How to hold a state constitutional convention in the twenty-first century, 44 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 603(2011) (expanded version of Skype presentation "Holding a Con Con in the Twenty-first Century" at the "Rebooting California" conference at Loyola University of Los Angeles Law School on September 24, 2010)

Constitutional Revision: are seriatim amendments or constitutional conventions the better way to amend a state constitution?, 115 Penn State L. Rev. 1099 (2011) (expanded version of an eponymous speech at the conference "State constitutionalism in the 21st century" held at Pennsylvania State University-Dickinson College of Law on September 22, 2010)

Justice Brennan's Call to Arms – What Has Happened Since 1977?, 77 Ohio St. L.J. 387 (2016)

Article XIV, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution: A Limited Initiative to Amend the Article on the Legislature, 48 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 899 (2017)

VLM Food Trading International, Inc. v. Illinois Trading Company, An Exercise on the Battle of the Forms under the CISG and the UCC, 48 U.C.C.L.J. 419 (2019)

Why Did Illinois Call a Constitutional Convention in 1968? 72 Rutgers University L. Rev. 1021 (2020)

"Sheldon Harnick Showed Us the Traditions Immigrants Bring," *The Decalogue Tablets* (Fall, 2023), a publication of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, at 26

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

"The impact of the 1970 Constitution" in Illinois: Political Processes and Governmental Performance, ed. Crane (Kendall-Hunt 1980)

"Teaching sales through history, opera, poetry, literature, art and baseball" in Teaching the Law School Curriculum, ed. Friedland and Hess (Carolina Academic Press 2004)

The Illinois State Constitution: a Reference Guide (Oxford University Press, purchased from ABC-CLIO, a division of Praeger, 2009)

"Imperia in imperio? The relationship between individual rights in the United States Constitution and in the State Constitutions" in One or Many? The Law and Structure of the European Union and the United States (ed. Seng, et al., Augustana College East Hall Press 2011)

COURSE MATERIALS

(for private distribution to students of the Law School)

Legislation - Cases and Materials (1978)

Course Materials on Secured Transactions (2003)

Course Materials on Sales Transactions (2023)

Course Materials on the Illinois Constitution (Spring, 2022)

COLUMNS IN THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

"Rethink reapportionment," February 22, 2010 at 39. (with Leona L. Mirza)

"Darrow's dream: ending the death penalty" March 28, 2011 at____, reprinted in New Jersey L.J. March 30, 2011

"Could there be another Bush v. Gore this year?" August 27, 2012 at____; translated as "L'election presidentielle de 2012 se soldera-t-elle par une repetition de Bush v. Gore," Etudes juridiques franco-americaines (Pascal Mbongo, trans. The University of Poitiers) (September 21, 2012) [<http://www.droitamericain.fr/Ann-M-Lousin-L'election>]

"Preventing felons from voting hearkens back to a bleak era," July 21, 2014 at 35

COLUMNS IN THE CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN (LAW AND PUBLIC ISSUES SERIES SINCE 2009)

"Did Martin Luther really hate lawyers?," November 10, 1983 at 3

"Other crimes', another view," October 2, 1998 at 5 (concerning standards for presidential impeachment)

"Bringing the Illinois Constitution to life", October 27, 2004, supplement at 60 (concerning the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention)

"Was Nixon pardoned?," January 24, 2007 at 5

"400 years of the common law", April 26, 2007 at 5 (concerning anniversary of the reception of the common law)

"...and be called Illinois", February 26, 2009 at 5 (concerning bicentennial of Illinois territory)

"Of Caperton, contributions and the courts", June 17, 2009 at 6 (concerning *Caperton v. Massey* and judicial campaign contributions)

"Empathy, gender and the Supreme Court", July 8, 2009 at 5 (concerning *Safford v. Redding*)

"What they *should* have asked Sotomayor," July 20, 2009 at 6 (concerning Senate confirmation hearings), first column in the "Law and Public Issues" series

"A stumble in the wrong direction", November 11, 2009 at___(concerning efforts to create a new Illinois redistricting process)

"The miracle in Springfield", December 8, 2009 at 5 (concerning the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention)

"An officer whose time has gone", February 18, 2010 at___(concerning the Lieutenant-Governor)

"Proposals for legislative redistricting---good or bad ideas?" March 11, 2010 at___

"Original intent as I saw it," March 23, 2010 at 5 (concerning 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention)

"Ensuring an independent and excellent judiciary," April 24, 2010 at 24

"The patron saints of lawyers," May 19, 2010 at 5 (concerning SS. Thomas More and Ives)

"Souter's Harvard speech in practice," July 15, 2010 at 5 (concerning constitutional interpretation)

"First things first with the public pension crisis", September 24, 2010 at 5

"The recall amendment", October 23, 2010 at 5 (concerning 2010 amendment to Illinois Constitution on recalling Governor)

"Illinoisans said Yes!", December 15, 2010 at 5 (concerning vote to adopt 1970 Illinois Constitution)

"Drawing Congressional districts", March 7, 2011 at 6

"How the U.S. Constitution caused the civil war", April 13, 2011 at 5

"Why judicial elections are doomed", April 23, 2011 at 28

"40 years later the state constitution still works", July 1, 2011 at 5 (concerning effect of felon re-enfranchisement and free tuition through high school)

"Questioning the balanced budget amendment", October 18, 2011 at 6

"History shows slaves essentially freed themselves", December 16, 2011 at 5

"Question exists over whether GPS will destroy the right to privacy", March 12, 2012 at 5

"Professor gives the amendment an 'F' ", July 2, 2012 at ___ (public pension amendment)

"Many consider Fort Dearborn a Chicago tragedy and controversy" August 15, 2012 at 5

"America's political system should abolish the electoral college", December 11, 2012 at 4

"Four who believed in the Illinois Constitution", April 30, 2013 at 4 (tribute to Noble W. Lee, Samuel W. Witwer, Rubin G. Cohn, and Dawn Clark Netsch)

"Letter to the editor: the pension crisis, truth and consequences", June 12, 2013 at 3

"Letter to the editor: President's ratings plan gets an F", September 18, 2013 at 3

"High court decision gives Congress a chance to modernize voting rights", January 2, 2014 at 5

"Restorative justice---a kinder, gentler and better way?", March 3, 2014 at 5

"Just vote no on two flawed amendments", July 14, 2014 at 5

"To Frank, the lawyer who wrote our anthem," (Francis Scott Key and the bicentennial of the Star-spangled Banner) September 11, 2014 at 4

"Regulation of law schools is ripe for reform," Lawyers Forum (with Philip N. Hablutzal) December 11, 2014 at 4

"On the bicentennial of the Treaty of Ghent, reflecting on its slavery clauses," December 24, 2014 at 5

"Chicago is not Detroit---a tale of two cities and bankruptcy" (with Joseph A. Kearney) May 27, 2015 at 5

"Magna Carta celebrates 800 years and counting," June 15, 2015 at 5

"A revolutionary proposal for financing education in Illinois," July 16, 2015 at 5

"Seeking restorative justice for a century-old crime," (regarding the Armenian genocide) August 13, 2015 at 5

"Dec. 15: A Day That Changed Illinois History," December 15, 2015 at 4

"Constitutional Tinkering a bad idea, particularly this idea" October 6, 2016 at 4 (concerning the transportation lockbox amendment, now Article IX, Section 11)

"45 Years later, three unsolved issues from 1970 won't go away" June 30, 2016 at 5

"What's in a name in Chicago? Changing times, changing standards", October 2, 2019 at 5

"Here's a somewhat painless way to redistrict without the courts," October 16, 2017 at 5

"200 years ago, Illinois took step to statehood," December 4, 2017 at 4

"Three questions determined Illinois' fate for statehood," April 26, 2018 at 4

"The paradox of Atticus Finch," May 1, 2018 at 6 (adapted from a talk presented at The Chicago Literary Club on December 18, 2017)

"ERA ratification vote brings on some bittersweet memories from 1970's", June 20, 2018 at 4

"Illinois statehood started in tavern, but Congress would have last say," August 23, 2018 at 5

"Illinois 1818, President Monroe and a boast," December 3, 2018 at 3

"Lawyer's drive gives impetus to new constitution", December 6, 2018 at 3

"'Ship of the damned', recalled 80 years after refugee tragedy," July 16, 2019 at 6

"Birth of 1970 state constitution avoided today's political sniping", September 23, 2019 at 4

"Con Con delegate election resulted in some surprises---and a lawsuit", November 18, 2019 at 4

"Con Con starts, but end in doubt, with several factions vying for say," December 9, 2019 at 4

"Illinois Constitutional Convention takes a statewide road trip", March 23, 2020 at 4

“Things to ponder when talking on changing military base names”, July 16, 2020 at 5

“Women’s suffrage, women in higher education go hand in hand,” August 17, 2020 at 3

“Con Con concludes and the Campaign for Ratification Begins,” September 3, 2020 at 5

“Fair Tax Amendment on Election Day ballot won’t do what it says”, September 21, 2020 at 3

“Why Illinoisans voted to adopt a new constitution in 1970,” December 15, 2020 at 3

“Abortion issues will shift to state governments if Roe is overturned,” January 21, 2021 at 5

“The Senate parliamentarian must be doing her job right,” March 2, 2021 at 3

“Supreme Court could improve with term limits, expanding to 11,” April 29, 2021 at 6

“A big, happy 50th birthday to the Illinois Constitution”, July 1, 2021 at 5

“Push to rename Lake Shore Drive forgot about Kitihawa Point du Sable,” November 15, 2021 at 3

“The 10 days of filibuster – a modern approach to an old Senate practice,” February 22, 2022 at 3

“Workers’ Rights Amendment: How it Could Play Out Now, Later,” October 18, 2022 at 3

“Lyman Trumbull – a principled Illinois lawyer who was true to his convictions,” November 29, 2022 at 3

“Three-readings rule no longer needed for legislative process,” September 7, 2023 at 5 (concerning *Caulkins v. Pritzker*)

“Like Montana, Illinois guarantees right to ‘healthful’ environment” October 24, 2023 at 3 (concerning *Held v. Montana*)

AWARDS FOR CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN COLUMNS

2012: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence Award; Illinois Press Association---Certificate of Award Third Place in the contest for 2011 Best Legal Media Coverage Division D Illinois Newspaper Editorial Contest (to The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin)

2013: Illinois State Historical Society---Award of Merit for "Many consider Fort Dearborn a Chicago tragedy and controversy" and "Professor gives the amendment an 'F' "

2014: Illinois State Historical Society---Award of Merit for "Four who believed in the Illinois Constitution"

2015: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence Award in the category: ongoing periodicals. The citation reads:

These well considered and thoroughly researched articles make complex issues understandable, not only to law practitioners today but historians in future. They are a model for what law columnists should do and are a valuable service for future historians.

2016: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence Award in the category: ongoing periodicals. The citation reads:

These columns by Ann Lousin, published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, are full of insightful analysis, and offer a clear and creative approach to her subjects. She writes with a touch of humor, and her work deserves a wider audience.

2017: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence Award in the category: ongoing periodicals. The citation reads:

Although these opinion pieces are geared to attorneys, both are appropriate for any Illinois citizen and could appear in any Illinois magazine or newspaper. Both articles---one a primary on the "six burning issues of the 1969-1970 Illinois Constitution", the other a more contemporary analysis of the recent Safe Road Amendment -- work very well together.

2018: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence Award in the category: ongoing periodicals. The citation reads:

Professor Ann Lousin's columns are informed, well-written, and insightful. Her writing would be welcome in any publication, and her style and point of view are refreshing, worthy of our respect and admiration. I especially enjoyed her column on the Balbo monument and the need for new historical markers in Chicago. Her tease about bicentennial columns to come suggests next year's crop will delight all who care about Prairie State history.

2019: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence in the category: ongoing periodicals, for three columns on the Illinois bicentennial. The citation reads:

Professor Ann Lousin's columns for the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* offered readers a well-written overview of the entangled political, social, and economic issues involving Illinois statehood. Although the author broke

no new ground in her research, she was able to make a potentially dry subject entertaining and [a] subject of interest to readers likely unfamiliar with this key chapter in the story of Illinois. Careful to emphasize the larger issues involved in statehood---slavery and the questions of territorial boundaries as they related to Lake Michigan---Lousin gave us a most welcome series [of] articles tied to the Bicentennial.

2022: Illinois State Historical Society---Certificate of Excellence in the category: ongoing periodicals. The citation reads:

Interesting and timely columns illuminating important implications of issues in the news or likely to be in the future.

Ann Lousin is one of Illinois' treasures, bringing a wealth of experience, perspective, and knowledge to every subject she throws her spotlight on. These model editorials are excellent entres for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of Illinois governance, not just from a historical perspective, but with an eye on how policies of the past will shape---and sometimes bend---the future of the Prairie State.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT WRITINGS AND SPEECHES

"Home Rule Preemption - The Illinois Experience So Far" (Unpublished essay, Honorable Mention in the 1975 Lincoln Essay Contest of The Illinois State Bar Association)

"The General Assembly and the 1970 Constitution," 1 Illinois Issues 131 (1975)

"Attorney General Opinions: Take 'em or Leave 'em - At Your Peril," 2 Illinois Issues 20 (1976)

"Should Illinois Adopt the Open Initiative? NO," 3 Illinois Issues 14 (1977)

"How the disaster developed," THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, April 7, 1986, sec. 1, at 13 (concerning 1986 gubernatorial primary)

"Scope of Article 2 and Formation of Contracts" in Sales of Goods Under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code (Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education 1985, supplemented 1987), revised for Contracts and Sales of Goods (IICLE 1990) and supplemented 1993

"Noli me tangere" - speech on Illinois state constitutional regulations of the judiciary delivered at the 1988 Annual Meeting of The Association of American Law Schools

"Reforming State Judiciary," THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, May 18, 1988, at 31

"The Con-Con Question - Should We Fight a Deadlock or Foil Bogus Reformers?", THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Oct. 20, 1988, sec. 1, at 25

"Blacks, Hispanics and Judgeships," THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, October 21, 1988, sec. 1, at 25

"Whither the Illinois Judiciary?" (unpublished paper delivered at a meeting of the Rockford, Illinois chapter of The League of Women Voters on April 20, 1989)

Book Review: "Greylord: Justice, Chicago Style by James Tuohy and Rob Warden" and "Operation Greylord: Brockton Lockwood's Story by Brockton Lockwood," published as "Greylord Revisited: ousting crooked judges", 16 Illinois Issues 25 (February 1990)

"Judicial remap will have unexpected effect," THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, February 9, 1990, at 39 (with Mathias W. Delort)

"The New Germany, The New Europe" - videotaped speech delivered to the Commercial Law Club of The John Marshall Law School on February 6, 1991

"Rejection of a State Constitutional Convention in Illinois: A Critique," 3 State Constitutional Commentaries and Notes 21 (1991)

Three lectures on Basic Contracts Law in U.S. Contracts Law and International Law and a Comparison of the U.N. Convention on the International Sale of Goods with the Sales Law of the Former U.S.S.R., prepared for delivery (by proxy) at The American University of Armenia, Yerevan, The Republic of Armenia, in 1992 and to be translated and published for lawyers in Armenia

"The Government and Legal System in the Republic of Armenia Today" - speech delivered to the Chicago chapter of The Armenian General Benevolent Union on May 19, 1992

"Meeting with Laszlo Salamon, M.P., and Tour of the Hungarian Parliament" Report of the Delegation to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republics and Hungary: Legal Challenge in Central Europe 32 (A.B.A. Section of International Law and Practice 1993, Ballantine, editor)

A New Law for Leasing Goods in Illinois: Article 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code - a videotaped speech delivered September 14, 1993, as part of The John Marshall Law School Continuing Legal Education Program

"Briefing at the Supreme Court of Justice" (of Argentina), Report of the Delegation to Argentina and Chile, 4 (A.B.A. Section of International Law and Practice 1994, Dubberly, editor); and "Briefing at the Supreme Court of Justice" (of Chile), with Dubberly, id., 18

"NAFTA in Context" - speech presented at the annual meeting of the Armenian Bar Association at The Harvard Law School, April 16, 1994

Book Review: "Scarface Al and the Crime Crusaders: Chicago's Private War Against Capone by Dennis E. Hoffman", published as "The Secret Six has much to do with bringing down Scarface Al Capone", 20 Illinois Issues 30 (September, 1994)

"Principles of International Commercial Contracts - A New Lex Mercatoria" - speech delivered at the Law Faculty of Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, October 12, 1994

"Contracts in an International Context - An Overview of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods" - Materials presented at a Chicago Bar Association seminar, February 6, 1996

"Tort Reform: The Best Case and the Illinois Constitution"- speech delivered at The Lincoln Legal Foundation, Chicago, February 12, 1998

"The New Article 9 and Real Estate Law", paper presented in various forms at the Kratovil Real Estate Law Seminar at The John Marshall Law School on October 10, 1998; The Chicago Mortgage Attorneys Association on May 11, 1999, and December 12, 2000; The Chicago Bar Association on November 28, 2000; (printed in Summer 2002 "Real Property Law Communicator" 7 C.B.A. Real Property Law Committee Newsletter); and Section on Property, A.A.L.S. Annual Meeting, January 6, 2005

"Real Estate Law and the New Articles 2A, 5 and 9 of the U.C.C.", Speech delivered at a seminar sponsored by The Chicago Bar Association's Committee on Real Estate Law on April 20, 1999

"What Should a State Constitution Do?" -- speech delivered at panel discussion at a conference "The State of State Constitutions" held by the Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers-Camden Law School, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 4, 2000

"Supplementary Principles: Something old, Something new?" - speech delivered at panel discussion "Reworking the foundation: A look at revised UCC Article 1", A.B.A. Business Law Section Spring Meeting, April 4, 2002

Materials for presentation on recent U.C.C. Developments at Illinois Judicial Conference "Commercial Litigation and Consumer Law", March 20-21, 2003

"The American Uniform Commercial Code", speech delivered at the Law Faculty of the American University of Armenia, Yerevan, The Republic of Armenia, May 24, 2005

"Law school choice shouldn't rule high court nominee out", THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, October 19, 2005 at 69 (guest column concerning nomination of Harriet Miers)

"The challenges facing state governments and state constitutions in the twenty-first century", speech given at the reunion of the members and staff of the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention, October 29, 2005

"Judicial independence", speech delivered at the meeting of Conference of World City Bar Leaders, Chicago, September 16, 2006

"Using the Illinois State Constitution in Decision - Making", materials presented at the 2006 Appellate Court Conference, Springfield, Illinois, September 26, 2006

"The Illinois Constitutional Ramifications of Public Pensions", materials prepared for a workshop "Public Sector Pension Plans in Illinois" at The John Marshall Law School, February 16, 2007, delivered and submitted for bound materials

"An Illinois Constitutional Convention in 2008?", report to the Public Affairs Committee of The Union League Club of Chicago, dated May 17, 2007 (with Samuel K. Gove and James D. Nowlan)

"Issues Regarding a 2008 Constitutional Convention in Illinois", remarks delivered at The John Marshall Law School, November 13, 2008

"Testimony on the Illinois standards for impeachment of a Governor," submitted to The Illinois House Impeachment Committee, December 17, 2008 (relating to "abuse of power")

"Government speech and the school curriculum--Who decides?", presentation at The John Marshall Law School on September 10, 2009 concerning the Griswold and Movsesian cases and recognition of the Armenian genocide, reprinted on websites www.armenianbar.org and www.keghart.com (in Canada)

"The Illinois Experience", presentation at the "Getting to Reform" conference about California constitutional revision held in Sacramento, California on October 14, 2009

"Justice for the Armenian genocide---a new era" speech delivered at SS. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church in Palos Heights, Illinois, on November 15, 2009, reprinted on the www.keghart.com website

"Recall of elected officials", paper delivered at The Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University of Chicago Law School (November 5, 2010)

"Judicial independence in an era of accountability," paper delivered at The Constitutional Law Colloquium Loyola University of Chicago Law School (October, 2011)

"Obama's college-rating plan a bust", THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES(online), November 27, 2013 [reprinted in CAPITALISM'S BANKRUPT PLAN FOR RATING HIGHER ED, Schools Matter Blog]

"Notes on Dawn", a memoir of Dawn Clark Netsch, delivered to The Chicago Literary Club on March 31, 2014

"Current issues in public pensions", speech delivered to the State University Annuitants Association, chapter of The University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2014 (on Youtube)

Book review: "Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870 by Frank Cicero, Jr.," 18 J. of Illinois History 293 (Winter 2015), published by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

"What E.R.A. would do", remarks delivered at a seminar of The Chicago Bar Association, _____, 2017

"Current SCOTUS cases," summary, analysis, and predictions presented at a seminar of The Chicago Bar Association, _____, 2017

"The paradox of Atticus Finch," delivered to The Chicago Literary Club on December 18, 2017

"Why did Illinois call a constitutional convention in 1968?" paper delivered at the Constitutional Law Colloquium at Loyola University of Chicago Law School November 3, 2018

"The lockstep doctrine in Illinois," remarks presented at the 2019 Appellate Judges Conference, April 29, 2019

"Do we need more states? An analysis of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. Territories in the South Pacific," delivered to The Chicago Literary Club on January 25, 2021

"Will the State Keep Its Promise? Are SURS Pensions at Risk?" (with Eric Madiar), webinar presented to the State University Annuitants Association, chapter of The University of Illinois at Chicago, February 24, 2021 (on Youtube)

"Is it too early to talk about a con con?", remarks delivered to the State University Annuitants Association on October 25, 2023 (broadcast on The Illinois Channel)

ORGANIZATIONS

The University of Chicago Law School Alumni Association: Member of the Board of the Chicago Chapter, 1977-1980; President of the Chicago Chapter, 1980-1982

The Association of American Law Schools: Parliamentarian, 1979-1983

The Illinois State Historical Society: Director, 1985-1988; Member of the Advisory Committee, 1988-1990

The Blind Service Association of Chicago: Director, 1989-2019; Vice-President, 1998-2004; Parliamentary Officer, 2004-2006; Executive Vice-President, 2006-2012; President, 2010-2014; Immediate Past President, 2014-2018

201 East Chestnut Condominium Association: several terms as director and officer, including President, 1991-1992, 2002-2004, and 2005-2007

Armenian International Women's Association, early 1990's to present (life member): member of the board of the Chicago affiliate, c. 2014 to present; honored by the affiliate on September 26, 2015

Society for Armenian Studies: Member of the Administrative Council, 1994-1997

The Union League Club of Chicago: elected 1996. Co-chair of the Committee on a 2008 Constitutional Convention of The Public Affairs Committee, 2004-2008

Advisory Board of the Law Department of The American University of Armenia: March 2003-c. 2018

Citizens to Preserve the Illinois Constitution (2008): member of group of Illinoisans opposed to calling a constitutional convention

The Chicago Literary Club: elected 2011; Member of the Committee on Publications, 2015-2018

The National Association of Armenian Studies and Research: Member of the Board of Directors, 2013-2017

Advisory Board of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, The University of Illinois: 2016- present

Advisory Board on Armenia, The Rule of Law Initiative, sponsored by The American Bar Association and the U.S. State Department: May 2016-c. 2019

MAJOR INTERVIEWS

"A passion for Constitution again burns hot," by Pat Milhizer, The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, January 12, 2009 at 3

"Ann Lousin and the Illinois Constitution---Rising to the Demands for Scholarship" The Chicago Lawyer – Women in the Law Issue 2009

“Oral History taken by Mark DePue of The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, c. 2014-2015, on file with the library and on its website

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mayoral Transition Team: Chief of transition team for unsuccessful Chicago mayoral candidacy of Bernard D. Epton, February-April 1983

Illinois Associate Judges Seminar (March 1987): Professor-Reporter for Judicial Ethics

Honorary Lists: Who's Who of American Women, 1975; Who's Who Among America's Teachers", 1998; Marquis Who's Who, since 2019

Gertz v. State Board of Elections, 65 Ill.2d 453 (1976): co-plaintiff in successful lawsuit concerning Article 14, Section 3 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Lousin v. State Board of Elections, 108 Ill.App.3d 496 (1982): name plaintiff in successful lawsuit concerning Article 14, Section 3 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Member of Delegation and Briefing Tours of the American Bar Association to Germany (1990); Czechoslovakia and Hungary (1992); Argentina and Chile (1993); and Brazil (2000)

Regular TV and press commentator on legal and public policy issues since 2008