

Résumé of
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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

(1990 to present)

ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

The practice is concentrated primarily in legal and/or political consultation with and representation of political candidates, political organizations, governmental entities, unions, and business organizations in election law matters and public interest litigation in Illinois. Mr. Means most frequently represents political candidates regarding ballot access, political campaign strategy, political policy development, campaign finance compliance, recounts and election contests. The election practice includes membership on local government electoral boards by appointment by Illinois courts and also includes legislative drafting.

Mr. Means has secondary concentrations in representation of political candidates, political groups, media and public interest entities regarding enforcement of Freedom of Information Act rights. The Freedom of Information practice also includes political policy development and legislative drafting.

Mr. Means is the founder, C.E.O. and General Counsel of The Public Access Project, a civic organization/public interest law firm which promotes democracy in Illinois by securing and publishing, on the World Wide Web, public documents and other public records important to the electorate's understanding of current issues.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

(1969 - 1990)

1987-1990 SENIOR ATTORNEY (SUPERVISOR), GENERAL LITIGATION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CITY OF CHICAGO

Election law administration and litigation; representation of municipality's interests in regulation, contracting, taxation, and litigation regarding public utilities, cable television, and other public way users; representation of municipality's interest in subpoena compliance, freedom of information and discovery matters.

1983-1987 SENIOR ATTORNEY, PUBLIC UTILITIES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CITY OF CHICAGO

Election law administration and litigation; representation of municipality's interest in regulation, contracting, taxation and litigation regarding public utilities; representation of consumer interests in public utilities before Illinois Commerce Commission and in the courts; development of legislation and lobbying; representation of consumer interests in currency exchange matters before Illinois Department of Financial Institutions.

1979-1983 ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

Representation of political candidates and organizations in election law matters and practice as contract attorney for Illinois State Board of Elections; representation of consumer interests in public utilities matters before Illinois Commerce Commission and the courts on contract with

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Illinois Attorney General and Cook County State's Attorney and for private clients; development of legislation and lobbying for community organizations; representation of community organizations in zoning and other land use matters.

1974-1979 ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR COOK COUNTY

Election law administration and litigation, particularly election fraud investigation and prosecution (founder and operating chief of Election Unit); representation of consumer interests in public utilities matters before Illinois Commerce Commission and in the courts (founder and operating chief of Public Utilities Unit); development of legislation and lobbying.

1972-1974 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHICAGO COUNCIL OF LAWYERS

Bar association executive; development of legislation and lobbying.

1970-1972 ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

Representation of candidates and political organizations in election law matters; civil rights and civil liberties litigation, particularly defense of conscientious objectors to Viet Nam War; defense of Selective Service criminal prosecutions; development of legislation and lobbying; representation of consumer interests in public utilities matters before Illinois Commerce Commission and the courts.

1969-1970 STAFF COUNSEL, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Development of legislation; policy administration of legal aid and anti-poverty programs.

EDUCATION

1968-1969 Ford Foundation Fellow in post-graduate studies in criminal and civil rights law; Northwestern University, School of Law.

1968 J.D., Northwestern University, School of Law.

1965 B.S., Eastern New Mexico University with majors in political science, sociology and psychology.

1963-1964 University of Stockholm (Sweden), studies in political science and sociology.

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member and twice past Chairman, Election Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association.

Member and former Executive Director, Chicago Council of Lawyers.

CURRENT MAJOR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the National Board of Directors and National Executive Committee of Americans for Democratic Action.

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RECENT MAJOR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Advisory Board (over 30 years) and a founder of Project LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts).

Past State Chairman and (over 25 years) a member of Board of Directors, Independent Voters of Illinois / Independent Precinct Organization - an independent progressive or liberal political organization – at that time, the largest and most influential bi-partisan political organization in the State of Illinois.

Past President, Lincoln Park Conservation Association (the community association representing Chicago's Lincoln Park community area) and past officer of several of its neighborhood associations.

Former Explorer Advisor (Scoutmaster) and founder, Northshore Chicago Law Exploring, a Boy Scouts of America program for high school youth interested in careers in the legal profession.

Past member (for 10 years), Board of Directors, Community Renewal Society, an agency of the United Church of Christ concerned with issues of urban policy and, particularly, equity for minorities and the poor.

PERSONAL

Married to [Anne L. Rooney](#)

Born: October 1942, Illinois.

3 Children, 3 Grandchildren.