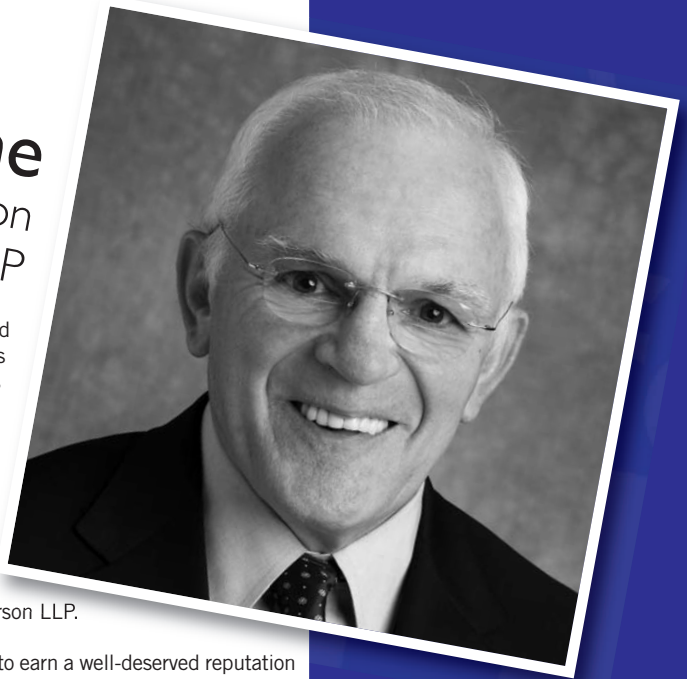


# Dick Devine

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For more than a decade, Chicago attorney Richard Devine served in one of the most challenging and highly visible elected offices in the state. To those who know him, Devine didn't change his approach to the law no matter how many cameras were trained on him. He remained first and foremost an attorney dedicated to the pursuit of justice.

"(He is) a man of intense conviction, a true professional, committed to obtaining a fair result for his clients and dedicated to helping the next generation of lawyers build an improved justice system," said Bruce Meckler, co-chairman of the Chicago law firm of Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP.

Devine has utilized those qualities in a career of over forty years to earn a well-deserved reputation as one of the top lawyers in the Chicago area. Prior to joining Meckler, he served for 12 years as the Cook County State's Attorney, winning re-election to this often controversy-filled post in both 2000 and 2004. He retired from public office in 2008 and joined the Chicago law firm of Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP, where he serves as a partner and leads the firm's White-Collar Crime, Internal Investigations and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups. In addition to his work at the law firm, Devine serves as an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and as a mediator and arbitrator with Resolute Systems, LLC.

Devine will forever be linked to his highly-accomplished work at the State's Attorney's Office where he oversaw the country's second largest prosecutor's office and supervised a staff of over 900 attorneys. The office boasted an annual budget of \$106 million.

As State's Attorney, Devine spearheaded the formation of a nationally-acclaimed Domestic Violence Unit which assigned veteran prosecutors to pursue the most dangerous offenders and provided comprehensive support services for victims involved in high-risk cases. He was also instrumental in the major reform of the state's juvenile justice system and in creating programs that substituted treatment for incarceration of thousands of drug abusers.

Devine has demonstrated leadership in one of the most sensitive and hotly debated areas of the law: the death penalty. Even before former Governor Ryan appointed a commission to review the capital justice system in Illinois, Devine instituted a number of reforms on his own. He created a capital case committee within his office to review in-depth each case in which the death penalty might be sought. His prosecutors took videotaped statements from murder suspects before mandated by state law, and he created a DNA Unit for the specific purpose of reviewing evidence that could affect innocence or guilt.

Devine hasn't lost his passion for capital punishment reform. In 2009, he served as the chairman of the Death Penalty Task Force for the Chicago Bar Association. Also in 2009, he taught a seminar on the death penalty at Loyola Chicago School of Law.

In addition to his leadership of the office, Devine remained an active trial lawyer. He led the prosecution team in *People v. Luna*, one of the two men charged with the murder of seven people in the Brown's Chicken restaurant in Palatine, Illinois. He also argued and won a major Fourth Amendment case in the United States Supreme Court.

"Dick has proven to be an insightful leader and team builder," said Meckler. "He has a keen eye for talent, and knows how to motivate the attorneys working with him. The law is a competitive field, but Dick is universally respected for his professionalism and integrity."

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