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News Release

River Forest Resident Elected First Vice President of Illinois Bar Foundation

CHICAGO, IL, July 24, 2015 – Elizabeth A. Kaveny, of River Forest, a partner with the Chicago law firm of Burke Wise Morrissey & Kaveny, has been elected as first vice president of the Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

The foundation raises funds for distribution to Illinois nonprofit organizations whose mission is to provide free legal services to those with limited means. It also provides assistance to lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. In 2015 the foundation took on the responsibility of a statewide expansion of the Illinois Justice Corps to provide trained part-time student volunteers to serve as guides in courthouses. This year the foundation will distribute more than \$850,000 in funds.

Kaveny, who represents catastrophically injured victims of medical negligence and their families with a focus on women and children's issues, previously held the post of IBF second vice president. A Silver Fellow of the IBF Fellows Program, she has been an active member and officer of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

She received a B.S. degree from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. in 1988 and her J.D. degree *cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio in 1992.

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