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*News Release*

## **U.S. Senator Dick Durbin To Be Honored at Illinois Bar Foundation Annual Gala on October 20**

**CHICAGO, May 1, 2017** – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) will receive the *2017 Distinguished Award for Excellence* from the Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF) at the organization's 19<sup>th</sup> annual black-tie Gala on Friday evening, October 20, 2017 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware Place, Chicago. The event begins with a cocktail reception at 6:30, followed by dinner, dancing, and remarks by Senator Durbin. The mission of the IBF, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, is to ensure meaningful access to the civil justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity.

Senator Dick Durbin is the 47<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois and also serves as the Assistant Democratic Leader, the second highest position among the Senate Democrats. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution and the Appropriations Committee's Defense Subcommittee.

Durbin earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (312) 726-6072. Information also is available at [www.illinoisbarfoundation.org](http://www.illinoisbarfoundation.org).

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