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News Release

**Illinois Bar Foundation's Fellows Breakfast
Honored Ann Hatch, Patrick Fitzgerald**

CHICAGO, IL, December 2016 – The Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF) honored Ann Hatch with the 2016 Distinguished Service to Law & Society Award and Patrick Fitzgerald with the 2016 Honorary Fellow Award on Friday, December 9, at the organization's annual Fellows Breakfast at the Sheraton Grand Chicago in Chicago, Ill.

Ann Hatch, managing partner at Herzog Crebs LLP in St. Louis, Missouri, is a dedicated supporter of the mission of the IBF. Hatch concentrates her practice in civil litigation defense and currently heads Herzog Crebs' asbestos and toxic tort practice. Licensed to practice in Illinois and Missouri, Hatch does trial work in the circuit courts of Southern, Central and Northern Illinois as well as litigation in the City of St. Louis and throughout Missouri. Hatch is a current Diamond Fellow of the IBF, a past Chair of the Fellows program, and a long time IBF Grants Committee member.

Patrick Fitzgerald, partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Chicago will receive the 2016 Honorary Fellow Award from the IBF. Prior to joining Skadden Arps in 2012, Fitzgerald served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, leading numerous high-profile investigations and prosecutions, including the convictions of former governors George Ryan & Rod Blagojevich. Appointed in 2001 by President George W. Bush, he was the longest serving U.S. Attorney in Chicago. Throughout his career, Fitzgerald has received numerous awards and recognition for his more than 20 years in public service. Fitzgerald focuses his practice on internal investigations, government enforcement matters and civil litigation.

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. The Foundation also oversees the Illinois JusticeCorps program, which provides trained part-time student volunteers to serve as guides in courthouses. This year, the Foundation will distribute more than \$750,000 in funds.

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