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News Release

River North Resident Elected Illinois Bar Foundation President

CHICAGO, IL, July 13, 2015 – River North resident Shawn S. Kasserman, a founding member of the personal injury law firm of Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, LLC in Chicago, has been elected and installed as 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.

Active on the IBF Board since 2008, Kasserman previously was vice president and secretary of the organization before being elected and installed as president at its June 19 board meeting in Lake Geneva, Wis. He is a Diamond Fellow of the IBF Fellows Program.

The grandson of the late Illinois Appellate Court Justice George Kasserman, Kasserman developed a respect for the law and the protections it can bring at an early age. In 1987, he left his job as a construction worker to enroll in law school. While a student, he was hired by Corboy & Demetrio as a law clerk and joined the firm full-time after graduation. In less than four years, he received his first million-dollar verdict. Since then, he has obtained numerous multi-million-dollar verdicts on behalf of his clients.

Kasserman received a B.A. degree from Western Illinois University in 1987 and his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1990.

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