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News Release

Alton Attorney Appointed to Board of Directors of Illinois Bar Foundation

CHICAGO, IL, August 20, 2018 – Alton attorney Perry J. Browder, shareholder of the national law firm of Simmons Hanly Conroy, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), where he will serve a 1 year term as the Immediate Past President.

The IBF's mission is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means and to assist lawyers and their families who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. In addition, the IBF administers the Illinois JusticeCorps program which provides navigational and procedural guidance inside courthouses across the State. This year, the IBF will distribute more than \$880,000 in funds to promote access to justice and help support lawyers in need.

Browder, who concentrates his practice on Mesothelioma and Asbestos, works as the firm's Asbestos Group Head where he manages nearly 40 asbestos attorneys and oversees all asbestos cases. Browder is the recipient of an "AV-Rating" from Martindale-Hubbell and has been rated by *Illinois Super Lawyers*. A Pillar of the Foundation IBF Fellow, he has been an active member of the IBF Board of Directors since 2005, serving as Secretary and Vice President of the organization before serving as President in 2017-18.

In addition to serving on the IBF Board of Directors, Browder is a Past President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (2015-16), a member of the American Association for Justice, and is a current Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governor.

Browder received a B.A. degree from Bradley University in 1985 and his J.D. degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1988.

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