

JOHN L. FIOTI

BAR ADMISSION

State of Illinois, November 1991
Northern District of Illinois, December 1991
Central District of Illinois, June 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of John. L. Fiotti, Wheaton, IL
Private Practice Attorney

January 2006 – Present

- City Prosecutor – Litigate DUI, Misdemeanor and Traffic cases for the *City of Oakbrook Terrace*
- Administrative Adjudicator – Adjudicated over 2,500 cases for the *Village of Carol Stream*
- Administrative Adjudicator – Adjudicate Ord. & Code violations for the *Village of Brookfield*
- Administrative Adjudicator – Adjudicate Ord. & Code violations for the *City of Prospect Heights*
- Prior Interim City Prosecutor – Litigate Misdemeanor and Traffic cases for *City of East Dundee*
- Substitute Prosecutor – Litigate DUI, Misdemeanor and Traffic cases for *Village of Oak Brook*
- Certified by ILGLA as Illinois Qualified Administrative Hearing Officer
- FINRA Qualified Dispute Resolution Arbitrator
- Represent municipalities on expungement proceedings, ordinance violations and misdemeanors.
- Represent clients in arbitration/mediation hearings.
- “Chair-Qualified” Arbitrator for the Circuit Courts of Cook, DuPage, and Kane County.
- Conducted over 250 hearings as a Chair-Qualified Arbitrator for the Circuit Courts.
- Regularly appear on behalf of clients in Circuit Court on civil and criminal litigation including all felony, misdemeanor, DUI, municipal and traffic matters in Cook and all the collar counties.
- Represent clients in commercial and residential real estate transactions and purchase closings.

Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, IL
Assistant State's Attorney

1991 - 2006

Civil Division - Real Estate Taxation Unit

June 2001 – January 2006

- Represented the Cook County Treasurer/Collector, Real Estate Tax Assessor and County Clerk on real estate tax issues in the Circuit Court, Appellate Court and Administrative Review cases.
- Represented the Cook County Treasurer in Federal Bankruptcy Court on bankruptcy petitions where issues involving tax delinquencies arose.
- Served as lead counsel on *United Airlines Bankruptcy* case in Federal Bankruptcy Court for the Cook County Treasurer obtaining an allowed claim in the amount of \$11,695,949.76 and dismissal of UAL's twelve valuation objection complaints against Cook County.

Civil Division-Torts and Civil Rights

April 2001 – June 2001

- Represented Cook County on cases involving allegations of civil rights violations and torts.
- Represented County as Municipal Corporation on all tort claims in State and Federal Court.

Criminal Division-Special Prosecutions Bureau, Arson Task Force

June 1997 – April 2001

- Investigated and prosecuted serious felony cases including but not limited to murder, aggravated arson, and related charges from indictment to disposition.
- Investigated and litigated insurance fraud and arson for profit cases in conjunction with major insurance companies. Tried major cases to verdict.
- Presented expert testimony on a variety of forensic issues including cause and origin investigation, pyrotechnics, forensic psychology, forensic accounting, and scientific evidence.

Criminal Division-Preliminary Hearings

February 1995 – June 1997

- Prepared and presented preliminary hearings for Felony Trial Division.
- Presented hundreds of cases involving major crimes to Grand Jury for indictment.

Criminal Division-Felony Review

June 1994 – February 1995

- Conducted initial screening of thousands of felony cases to determine whether and what felony

charges were appropriate.

- Coordinated and directed police investigation to identify, collect and preserve evidence.

Criminal Division-Misdemeanor Prosecutions

March 1992 - June 1994

- Prepared and prosecuted over 500 misdemeanor bench trials.
- Prosecuted thousands of misdemeanor cases in high volume courtrooms.
- Prepared and tried hundreds of traffic cases including DUI and S.S.S. hearings.
- Received Special Commendation for Domestic Violence Prosecution, 1995 through 2000.

Criminal Appeals Division

November 1991 - March 1992

- Researched and prepared 37 appellate briefs for state as appellee and appellant, addressing a variety of issues including judicial error, reasonable doubt, sentencing, ineffective assistance of counsel, and all aspects of search and seizure law.
- Appeared and argued before The Appellate Court of Illinois on various cases.

EDUCATION

DePaul University, College of Law, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, June 1991

Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, Illinois

Bachelor of Science, May 1988

- Double Major: Business Finance and Economics
- Awarded *Elmhurst College Transfer Scholar Award*

**CIVIC
EXPERIENCE**

Village of Carol Stream

January 1999 to June 2003

- Elected Village Trustee, *May 2001 to June 2003*
- Commissioner, Board of Police and Fire Commission, *June 2000 to May 2001*
- Commissioner, Planning and Zoning & Zoning Board of Appeals, *January 1999 to June 2000*
- Heard all matters of land use, property improvement, zoning, and pre-annexation issues.

**PROGRAMS,
SEMINARS AND
CONTINUING
LEGAL EDUCATION**

Currently In Compliance with Illinois Attorneys MCLE Requirements

July 2026

Completed Multiple Continuing Legal Education seminars through various providers including the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Training Program, Illinois State Bar Association, West Suburban Bar Association, Chicago Title Insurance Co., FATIC and other Illinois approved MCLE providers.

Trends in Conflict Resolution-Arbitration, Mediation & Collaboration

September 2007

Presented by the Illinois State Bar Association, Solo & Small Firm Conference

International Association of Assessing Officers, Chicago Illinois

August 2001

Successfully completed Course 122 of the Assessment and Appraisal Institute's 78.5 classroom hours of instruction on the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal and Property Assessment.

Arson Prosecution Adv. Course: National College of District Attorney's, Columbia, SC April 2001

One-week advanced seminar focusing on the presentation and prosecution of arson cases in modern courtrooms at the *National Advocacy Center* in Colombia, South Carolina. Focus on evidence collection; analysis and evidentiary applications, cause and origin, arsonist profiling and use of expert testimony.

Advanced Trial Advocacy Program, Springfield, Illinois

May 2000

One-week advanced trial advocacy program for veteran prosecutors addressing complex trial issues.

Technical Trial Issues for Prosecutors, F LTC, Glynco, Georgia

April 1998

One-week advanced training seminar organized and taught by U.S. Department of Justice at the *Federal Law Enforcement Training Center* for State and Federal Prosecutors.

Trial Advocacy Program, Springfield, Illinois

October 1997

One-week intensive trial advocacy program organized by State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor.

**ORGANIZATIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

- Picked to General Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association 2004-07, 2007-10, 2012-15
- Board of Directors - West Suburban Bar Association-Secretary 2020
- Board of Directors - Saddle Brook Community Association, Oak Brook, IL 2017 - 2026
- Board of Directors-Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce 2007-2014
- Board of Directors - Italian American Political Coalition 2009-2012
- Board Of Directors Island Pointe HOA, Lake Delton, Wisconsin 1997-2003