



MARY E. DICKSON

Mary E. Dickson is a solo practitioner as of April 1, 2025, having established the firm Dickson Law, LLC to serve a select group of clients. Prior to April 1, she was a founding partner of a firm established in 1997, last known as Bond, Dickson & Conway.

Over her nearly thirty-five years of experience as an attorney, Ms. Dickson has represented units of local government in their day-to-day business affairs, as well as select private clients in contract, zoning and development issues. Over the course of her career she has also had a robust litigation practice, representing local units of government in both the federal and state trial courts and appellate courts in the following legal jurisdictions: 7th Circuit Appellate Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern Illinois District, U.S. District Court for the Central Illinois District, Illinois Appellate Courts for the 1st District, 2nd District and 3rd District, and in the Trial Courts of Cook County, the 12th Judicial District, 16th Judicial District and 18th Judicial District. She has also served as a Certified Hearing Officer for the City of Wheaton's System of Administrative Adjudication, and in the same position for the Village of Algonquin as needed, and for many years she was the Inspector General for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit on personnel issues.

Prior to being licensed to practice law, Ms. Dickson worked for many years for DuPage County, serving in its public information office.

PRINCIPAL CLIENT REPRESENTATION

DICKSON LAW, LLC

The Dickson Law Firm, LLC is intended to serve a select clientele. At present, the focus of the Firm is on representation of Haymarket Center, which provides treatment of substance use disorder and mental health issues. In this capacity, she represents Haymarket Center in federal litigation against the Village of Itasca for denial of zoning which would have allowed Haymarket Center to open a much needed treatment center in DuPage County. In addition, she serves as general counsel

to Haymarket Center.

BOND, DICKSON & CONWAY

While a partner with Bond, Dickson & Conway, Ms. Dickson was engaged in a diverse local government and private industry representation involving contract disputes, personnel issues, government regulation, land acquisition, zoning, annexation, property tax protests, real estate tax objections and other related matters. Among her clients were:

- Village of Barrington Hills
- City of West Chicago
- City of Wood Dale
- City of Silva (Personnel investigation)
- DuPage County Election Division (now a division of the DuPage County Clerk's Office)
- Village of Algonquin (Administrative Law Judge)
- City of Wheaton (Administrative Law Judge)
- Haymarket Center
- Addison Park District
- Bensenville Park District
- Burr Ridge Park District
- Wood Dale Fire Protection District No. 1
- Gateway Special Recreation Association
- Milton Township
- Milton Township Road District
- Geneva Township
- Geneva Township Road District
- Wayne Township Road District
- Maine Township (pension litigation)
- Naperville Township (tax objection matters)
- DuPage County Township Highway Commissioners Association
- Milton Township Community Mental Health Board
- Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board
- Lisle Township Community Mental Health Board
- Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (appointed Litigation Counsel)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

An article written by Ms. Dickson was featured in the Township Perspective on the requirement of creation of Illinois Township Road District Decennial Committees, and she has presented programs on the Illinois Freedom of Information Act to the Association of Election Commissioners of Illinois, and has also been a featured speaker before the DuPage County Bar Association, providing presentations on the Illinois Pregnancy Accommodations Act, Illinois Election Process

and the Local Records Act.

She is admitted to practice in the following jurisdictions:

- State of Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois

Ms. Dickson is a member of the following professional organizations:

- Illinois State Bar Association
- DuPage County Bar Association
- Illinois Township Attorneys Association (Vice President)

EDUCATION AND HONORS

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, June 1991.

Juris Doctorate

Honors:

- First Place Essay, Dean Helen M. Thatcher Memorial Essay Competition
- First Place Overall and Best Brief, Herzog Moot Court Competition
- Best Brief, CBA Moot Court Competition
- Third Place Best Memorial, Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Midwest Division
- Member, John Marshall Law School ATLA Trial Team
- Member, John Marshall Law School ABA National Negotiations Competition Team.

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, August 1978.

Bachelor of Science Degree, Journalism