

WE ARE PLEASED
TO ANNOUNCE THAT

JUAN R. THOMAS

HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE
ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Juan R. Thomas, who is Of Counsel at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. Founded in 1877, the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) is the premier and largest legal association in the state of Illinois. As a voluntary organization of 28,000 members, the ISBA's primary focus is to assist Illinois lawyers in the practice of law and to promote improvements in the administration of justice.

"We are very pleased that Juan Thomas is joining the ISBA Board of Governors, which oversees the operations and management of the Association," said ISBA President David B. Sosin. "Juan's extensive legal experience and proven leadership abilities undoubtedly will serve the ISBA well."

The ISBA engages in many important activities on behalf of the legal profession — among them proposing and shaping legislation, educating the public, and supporting the courts and the rule of law.

Mr. Thomas' practice includes the following specialties: real estate/estate planning, labor and employment, and family law. In addition, Mr. Thomas provides counseling and training to firm clients in areas involving personnel, collective bargaining, and business development matters.

Mr. Thomas is the Immediate Past President of the National Bar Association (NBA). During his term as President, the NBA co-founded the National Commission for Voter Justice to address voter suppression across the country while advancing electoral reform and civic engagement. Also, under Mr. Thomas' leadership the NBA established its first LGBTQ Lawyers Division to promote inclusion for all members regardless of their sexual orientation or identity. As a result of Mr. Thomas' dedication to bar leadership, he was invited to serve on the Leadership Advisory Board of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, a national association whose mission is to provide high-quality programming and leadership development training to lawyers.

The National Black Lawyers: Top 100 includes Mr. Thomas on its list of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers, an honor given to only a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications in the field. Membership in this exclusive organization is by invitation only, and is limited to the top 100 attorneys in each state or region who have demonstrated

excellence and have achieved outstanding results in their careers. Mr. Thomas' selection was based upon his performance as an exceptional lawyer in the practice area of matrimonial and family law in the state of Illinois.



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Mr. Thomas currently serves on the Board of Directors of Mutual Ground Inc., an organization committed to providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. He previously served as the 1st Vice President of the DuPage County Branch of the NAACP and serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Greater Chicago

Fellows Association, 100 Black Men of Chicago Inc., and the American Constitution Society, Chicago Chapter.

Mr. Thomas has previously served on the boards of the Community Renewal Society, the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, and the University of Illinois College of Education Board of Visitors and the University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Association.

In 2011 and again in 2015, Mr. Thomas was given the honor of being named, Citizen of the Year by his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, Mu Xi Chapter for his service and dedication to the community. He has received the NAACP, DuPage County Branch's President's Award both in 2013 and 2014, as well as, a 2014 recipient of the NAACP, DuPage County Branch's Claude Audley Award of Leadership Excellence, for his leadership and service to the community. Mr. Thomas has received five Presidential Service Awards from the National Bar Association in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013, and in 2016 for his contributions to the field of law. In 2011, he was invited to become a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation because of his outstanding achievements in the legal profession. Mr. Thomas is a 2004 Fellow of the Harvard Divinity School Summer Leadership Institute, and a 2002 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow.

Mr. Thomas received his Juris Doctor and Master in Educational Policy degrees from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. In addition to his professional and civic involvement, Mr. Thomas is an ordained Baptist minister and recently completed his course work to receive a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies at the University of Chicago School of Divinity in Hyde Park. Mr. Thomas and his wife, Angela, are proud members of St. John AME Church in Aurora where he serves as the Minister for Social Justice.

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