



LAWYERS FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

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SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

Present

“FUNDING FOR THE ARTS”

What’s happening in D.C. and Springfield?

and

*What you can do about it
without jeopardizing your 501(c)(3) status.*

There are almost daily media reports on efforts to cut funding for the arts and humanities. Our speakers will discuss the funding outlook in Washington and Springfield. They will also provide valuable advice on the limits of advocacy for, or against, legislation when that advocacy comes from a 501(c)(3) organization.

(Attorneys will receive CLE credit (1 hr) for the 501(c)(3) portion of the program.)

Our expert speakers:

Michael Dorf will speak on the recent efforts by the White House and Congress to eliminate funding for the NEA, NEH and CPB, and the outlook for those programs.

Larry Suffredin will speak on the budget talks in Springfield and the outlook for State funding of arts and culture programs.

Michael Clark will provide a one-hour CLE-accredited presentation on the limits of permissible advocacy by 501(c)(3) organizations supporting or opposing legislation.

April 3, 2017 4:00-6:00 pm

The Chicago Bar Association

321 South Plymouth Ct.

Chicago, IL 60604

Event is free but registration is required

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Program Schedule

Welcome and Introduction

Jan Feldman
Executive Director
Lawyers for the Creative Arts

Status of Federal Legislation to Eliminate
Funding for NEA, NEH and CPB

Michael Dorf
Partner, Adducci, Dorf, Lehner,
Mitchell & Blankenship, P.C.

Status of Illinois Legislation Affecting
Arts and Humanities Funding

Larry Suffredin
Cook County Board
Commissioner

Limits of Advocacy for/against Legislation
on behalf of 501(c)(3) organizations

Michael A. Clark
Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

About Lawyers for the Creative Arts

LCA was formed in 1972 and is an Illinois nonprofit organization providing pro bono legal services to individuals and organizations engaged in all areas of the arts – the visual, music, performing and literary arts, as well as arts education and nonprofit organizations in general. Services are provided by LCA staff and a roster of volunteer attorneys experienced in all areas of law which affect the arts. LCA also provides its Patricia Felch Arts Mediation Service and numerous educational outreach programs.

LCA is partially supported by a CityArts Grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events, and by the Chicago Community Trust, the Alphawood Foundation, The Chicago Bar Foundation, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, and the Illinois Arts Council a State Agency.



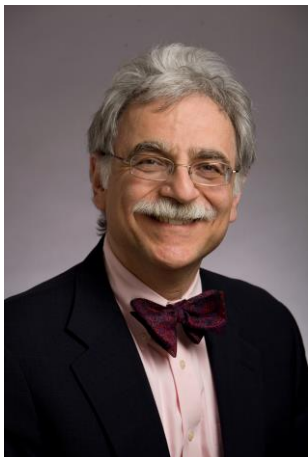
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Speaker Bios



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MICHAEL C. DORF, a founding partner of the Chicago law firm Adducci, Dorf, Lehner, Mitchell & Blankenship, P.C., has an extensive, broad based general commercial practice, which covers all areas of commercial transactions, business acquisitions and sales, and all general aspects of corporate and partnership law. In addition to his commercial corporate practice, his not for profit corporation practice includes representation of public charities, private foundations, advocacy organizations, trade associations, and political committees. His practice also includes election law, government relations and advocacy at the federal, state and local levels.

Mr. Dorf is a nationally recognized authority on political strategy and cultural planning at the national and local levels. He served for six years as Special Counsel to United States Representative Sidney R. Yates (D. Ill.), where he helped to develop national policies on arts funding and the legislative and political process. Mr. Dorf returned to Chicago at the request of Mayor Harold Washington in order to create Chicago's first Cultural Plan, applying, for the first time in any American city, the techniques of grassroots organizing and local advocacy to a cultural planning process. As part of the evaluation process for the 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan initiated by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Dorf chaired the Stewardship Committee established by Arts Alliance Illinois and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. He has previously served as Legal Affairs Consultant to the President's Independent Commission on the National Endowment for the Arts, and as General Counsel to the Democratic Party of Illinois. His writings on public funding for the arts have appeared in many national publications, and he is a frequent media commentator on arts and election law issues.

Mr. Dorf is Adjunct Full Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he developed and teaches courses in Law, Politics, and the Arts and Street Law for the Artist. He has also guest taught at

the Cultural Policy Center of the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy Studies. He has served as a campaign chairman, campaign manager, and has represented numerous incumbents and candidates for local, state, and federal office, as well as other political committees and "Superpacs" in election law and campaign finance compliance matters. His political clients have included President Barack Obama in his Congressional and Senate campaigns, State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, U.S. Representatives Robin Kelly and Raja Krishnamoorthi, and many other federal, state, and local elected officials. He is a past Chairman of the Chicago Bar Association Election Law Committee.

Mr. Dorf is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the School of Law of Columbia University. He is a member of the bars of Illinois and the District of Columbia. He has served on the Boards of Arts Alliance Illinois, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Gabriella and Paul Rosenbaum Foundation. In the most recent Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Elec[ion Law Manual, he is the author of the chapter on Federal Campaign Finance and Disclosure, and co-author, along with Ellen K Raymond, of the chapter on State and Federal Court Remedies. Along with Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, Mr. Dorf is currently at work on a book, scheduled to be published by the University of Illinois Press in 2018, about Congressman Sidney Yates and the breakdown of bipartisanship in the United States Congress.

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LAWRENCE J. SUFFREDIN has nearly three decades of extensive federal and state trial experience. He has argued appellate cases before the United States and Illinois Supreme Courts as well as in the U.S. Second and Seventh Circuits and three of the districts of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Larry is known for his broad knowledge of government and politics, and has a strong emphasis on government relations work. His practice has included lobbying and administrative practice at the local, state, and federal levels. He has represented labor unions, large business associations, health care concerns, cultural institutions, corporations, professional associations, local governments and individuals in their interactions with various governmental units.

Larry has been politically active for many years, assisting a number of candidates and campaigns and serving in a variety of public leadership posts. In 2002 he was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and represents 330,000 people living on the north side of Chicago and in Evanston, New Trier and Niles Township. As a Board member he is Chair of the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations and Rules Committee. Larry has also been elected Evanston Township Democratic Committeeman, and has chaired both the Platform Committee and Presidential Delegate Selection Committee of the Illinois Democratic Party.

Before joining the firm, Larry was a Cook County Public Defender, Federal Defender Panel member and taught at John Marshall Law School as an adjunct professor. Following his law school graduation he served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserves, receiving an Honorable Discharge.

Larry is a Leading Lawyer in Illinois, which consists of the top 5% of Illinois

Practice Groups:

Business & Finance, Campaign & Election Law, Local Government, Land Use, Government Relations, Public Law, Gaming, Sustainability, Securities - Corporate, Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal

7th Circuit Court of Appeals, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar), U.S. Supreme Court, Northern District of Illinois

State

Illinois

Year First Admitted to Practice Law:

1973

Education:

Georgetown University Law Center (1972), Loyola University of Chicago (1969)

Professional Affiliations / Recognitions:

American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association

lawyers, as selected by his peers.

Recent Representations

- Represented the City of Detroit in government relations matters.
- Served as lead counsel in filing successful gaming applications with the Illinois Gaming Board for riverboat gaming operations.

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Practices

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Education

- Harvard Law School
(J.D., 1979, *magna cum laude*, editor Harvard Law Review)
- Illinois Wesleyan University
(B.A., 1976, *summa cum laude*, Phi Kappa Phi)

Admissions & Certifications

- U.S. Tax Court, 1982
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, 2013
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2000
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, 1986
- U.S. District Court, N.D. of Illinois - General, 1982
- Illinois, 1979
- Certified Public Accountant, Illinois, 1976

Clerkships

- U.S. Tax Court, Arnold Raum, 1979-1981

MICHAEL A. CLARK is a partner in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP and a Co-Chair of the Sidley NonProfit Institutions Practice Area Team. He specializes in advising tax exempt organizations, educational organizations, and healthcare organizations engaging in transactions, and in representing clients with respect to federal income tax controversies in litigation and in negotiations with the Internal Revenue Service. He regularly advises tax-exempt associations, educational and healthcare institutions, public charities, and private foundations on questions concerning tax-exemption, unrelated business income, executive compensation and excess benefit transactions, lobbying and electioneering, joint ventures, and tax aspects of transactions.

Mr. Clark is an Adjunct Lecturer, DePaul University College of Law, and Adjunct Professor of Taxation, IIT Chicago Kent College of Law, where he teaches graduate tax courses on tax exempt organizations.

Mr. Clark has been a member of the Council of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation (2010-13); a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel; and past Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee (former Chair, Intermediate Sanctions Subcommittee and current Co-Chair, Audit and Appeals Subcommittee). Through the Exempt Organizations Committee, he participated in significant regulation comment projects, including two lengthy sets of comments on the changes to IRS Form 990, comments on changes to the Form 1023, and comments and testimony at the IRS Hearing on section 4958 (dealing with excess benefit transactions).

Mr. Clark is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association (Past Chair, AAHA Tax and Finance Committee and former member of the planning committee for the Annual AAHA Healthcare Tax Law Institute) and the American Bar Association Health Law Section (member, *Health Lawyer* editorial board (2002-2013), and Vice Chair, Tax and Accounting Interest Group 2002-2011). He also has been active in the Chicago Bar Association (member, Federal Tax Committee, and past Chair of Division H, Exempt Organizations Subcommittee) and the Great Lakes TE/GE Council (former EO Coordinator). He is also a trustee of Illinois Wesleyan University and a Vice President and director of Lawyers for the Creative Arts.