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Title:	Congratulations extended to Karina Zabicki DeHayes
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**CONGRATULATING KARINA ZABICKI DeHAYES ON HER INSTALLATION AS PRESIDENT OF
THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, On June 7, 2012, the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI) will hold its 98th Annual Installation Dinner at the Hilton Towers to honor and install Karina Zabicki DeHayes as their president; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Bar Association of Illinois Annual Installation Dinner is one of the largest yearly celebrations within the Chicago legal community, drawing more than 700 judges, attorneys, corporate supporters, and prominent civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, Karina Zabicki DeHayes will serve as this year's WBAI president following service as First Vice President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Foundation. She also is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, American Bar Association and Advocates Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeHayes has been a mentor to many women attorneys through her involvement with the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and recently authored an article in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin titled "Ways for Women to Stick with Their Legal Careers". She is a partner at the prestigious law firm of Tabet DiVito & Rothstein LLC. In 2008, she was named in the Law Bulletin's "40 Under Forty". For three consecutive years, she has been named an Illinois "Rising Star" by her peers in "SuperLawyers" magazine, a distinction reserved for the top 2.5% of Illinois lawyers who are under 40 or in practice for 10 years or less; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeHayes has represented a "Fortune 500" company, national trade show organizations, telecommunications companies, retail property groups, state government officials, former executives of large and small corporations as well as other clients in the areas of complex commercial litigation; appellate law and local governmental law, in Illinois state and federal courts. Her experience includes cases involving breach of contract, real estate litigation, statutory and common law unfair competition and fraud, defamation, golden parachute litigation, breach of fiduciary duty, and professional malpractice. She has been admitted as a member of the Federal Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Karina Zabicki DeHayes earned her J.D. degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. She was a member of the Loyola Consumer Law Review and participated in Loyola's Moot Court Program, and received an award for Best Oral Advocate at the regional competition. In 1996, Ms. DeHayes served as a legal extern to the Honorable George M. Marovich of the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She joined Tabet DiVito & Rothstein in March 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Bar Association of Illinois is one of the oldest and largest bar associations in the state. First established in 1914 by nine women lawyers practicing in the Chicago Metropolitan area, it was founded to promote the interests and welfare of women lawyers as well as to aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good and in the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant honor being bestowed upon Karina Zabicki DeHayes by this venerable and praiseworthy association of her peers; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 6th Day of June, 2012 AD, do hereby congratulate Karina Zabicki DeHayes upon the occasion of her installation as president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and commend that organization for its many notable contributions to the civic and legal community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Karina Zabicki DeHayes.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward