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Congratulations extended to Gregg A. Garofalo

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## SALUTE TO THE JUSTINIAN SOCIETY

WHEREAS, This evening, September 12, 2012, the Justinian Society of Lawyers will hold its 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Installation and Awards Dinner at Chicago's Renaissance Hotel to inaugurate its 2012-2013 President Gregg A. Garofalo; and

WHEREAS, Gregg A. Garofalo is the Managing Attorney of Garofalo Law Group, a general practice firm with offices in Chicago and downstate Bloomington. He graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law with both a JD and an LLM beginning his career at the firm of Deutsch, Levy & Engel before starting his own practice in 2004.

WHEREAS, Gregg A. Garofalo is active in the legal community, serving in several leadership roles within the Illinois Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association and has spoken in the area of probate and estate planning for several Continuing Legal Education seminars; and

WHEREAS, Gregg A. Garofalo's numerous civic and charitable contributions include chairing the Children's Assistance Fund and the Illinois Bar Foundation annual holiday party. He volunteers for the canine organization Central Illinois Sheltie Rescue, providing pro bono legal services as well as fostering and adopting Shelties. Additionally, he keeps strong connections with his college alma mater, Illinois Wesleyan University, where he serves on its Alumni Association Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, The Justinian Society of Lawyers was founded on October 17, 1927 by 30 of the only 40 lawyers of Italian descent practicing in Chicago at that time. Today, Italian-Americans number among their ranks almost fifteen hundred attorneys and close to 50 sitting judges on the benches of state and federal courts in Illinois, due in no small part to the active encouragement of the Justinian Society, one of the largest ethnic bar associations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and a proud member of the Justinians, has apprised this august body of this venerable organization's significant achievements and noteworthy accomplishments of its new president.

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the Justinian Society of Lawyers and extend our heartiest congratulations to Gregg A. Garofalo on the occasion of his installation as its president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Gregg A. Garofalo.

ROBER'I W. FIORETT Alderman Ward