



# City of Chicago



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**Title:**

Congratulations extended to Eugena Whitson-Owen on being appointed president of Women's Bar Association of Illinois and declaration of June 6, 2014 as "Eugena Whitson-Owen Day" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## ***RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS,** Eugena Whitson-Owen, a widely admired member of the legal community, will be sworn in as President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois on June 6, 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS,** The Women's Bar Association of Illinois, one of the oldest and largest bar associations in the state, was first established in 1914 by nine women lawyers practicing in the Chicago Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS,** The Women's Bar Association of Illinois was founded to promote the interests and welfare of women lawyers and to aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good and in the administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS,** A Trial Attorney at the Law Offices of Kurt E. Olsen, a member company of Zurich Insurance Group, Eugena Whitson-Owen practices in all areas of civil defense litigation, concentrating on the defense of matters arising out of construction and product liability; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to her current position, Eugena Whitson-Owen was a partner with the firm of SmithAmundsen LLC and an equity partner and owner of Moore, Strickland & Whitson-Owen; and

**WHEREAS,** Eugena Whitson-Owen has tried numerous cases before a jury in both state and federal court, successfully defending the interests of owners, developers, contractors, and manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS,** Eugena Whitson-Owen was selected as an Illinois Rising Star by *Law & Politics* magazine in 2008 and 2009, an award reserved for elite young legal talent; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009, the Law Bulletin Publishing Company named Eugena Whitson-Owen as one of "40 *Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch*." The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel recognized her in 2008 with its Meritorious Service Award; and

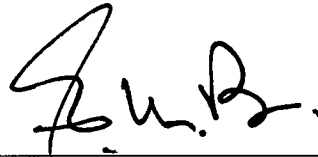
**WHEREAS**, Eugena Whitson-Owen is very active in local and state bar associations, including the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Illinois State Bar Association, and Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, The expertise and professionalism of Eugena Whitson-Owen serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of May, 2014, do hereby congratulate Eugena Whitson-Owen on this prestigious appointment; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That June 6, 2014, shall be officially recognized as *Eugena Whitson-Owen Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Eugena Whitson-Owen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. B.", is written above a horizontal line.

Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward