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### **THE FIRM**

The firm of Diamond & LeSueur is a law firm maintaining a long history of service to the McHenry County area. The firm was founded by Samuel J. Diamond, in 1971 when he joined the long established law firm of Looze & Kinne. That firm has evolved over the last 34 years into Diamond & LeSueur P.C., a general civil and criminal practice with emphasis in municipal representation. The firm's extensive municipal law and general practice experience makes it uniquely qualified to advise the municipal client in all matters. The firm also provides excellent personal legal services including: civil litigation, family law, contract review and preparation, probate and estate planning, personal injury, residential and commercial real estate transactions, and corporate and criminal representation.

The firm of Diamond and LeSueur is currently representing the Village of Island Lake, the Village of Port Barrington, (formerly Fox River Valley Gardens) and the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (formerly the Island Lake Sanitary District). Other municipalities that the firm has represented include: Prairie Grove, Spring Grove, McHenry Nunda Library District, Johnsbury Library District, Chain of Lakes/Fox River Waterway Management Agency, and Richmond. The representation of the Village of Island Lake and the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District has been continuous since 1973.

### **MEMBERS OF FIRM**

#### **Samuel J. Diamond**

Admitted to bar 1969, Illinois. *Education:* Denver University (B.S. & B.A.); Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D. 1968). McHenry County States Attorney, 1969-1975. *Member:* McHenry County and Illinois State Bar Associations; National Institute of Municipal Law Officers. *Concentration:* Municipal Law; Land Use and Zoning; Family Law; and Real Estate.

*Experience:* Sam Diamond has been extensively involved in municipal work as well as land use and zoning for over 30 years. Shortly after becoming licensed in Illinois, he worked for the McHenry County State's Attorney for six years. After that, he started in private practice by joining the long established partnership of Looze and Kinney. John Looze had served as Chairman of the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals, City Attorney for the City of McHenry, and Village Attorney for Spring Grove for many years. He also did extensive work with private developers and other public entities. When Sam Diamond joined that firm, he also continued the tradition of providing legal services to municipalities as well as to the private sector. The firm is now Diamond & LeSueur P.C. and continues it's long tradition of services.

Mr. Diamond is regarded as an expert in municipal law. He has lectured to Municipal Officials at McHenry County College on the subjects of: annexation agreements, land use, and zoning. Mr. Diamond is currently scheduled to lecture at the 2004 Illinois Environmental Law Conference of the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations on the subjects of Land Use and Zoning.

#### **David C. LeSueur**

Admitted to bar 1980, Illinois. *Education:* Colorado State University (B.A.); Dartmouth College; Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1979). *Member:* McHenry County and Illinois State Bar Associations. *Concentration:* Municipal Law; Civil Litigation; Personal Injury; Family Law; and Real Estate.

*Experience:* David LeSueur has an extensive background in municipal law, having represented some or all of the above listed municipal clients since 1980, when he joined the firm. Initially, he handled the prosecution of traffic and ordinance violations for the firm's municipal clients as well as general civil litigation including: litigation challenging a municipality's authority to own and operate a water utility, several matters challenging municipal zoning authority applied to particular lots and tracts of land, a case involving the validity and enforceability of an intergovernmental agreement, and various other cases involving the validity and enforceability of municipal ordinances and actions of boards of trustees. Mr. LeSueur has also been appointed as special counsel for other municipalities when conflicts arose, particularly in ordinance violations and other quasi-criminal cases.

Presently, Mr. LeSueur's municipal work includes the day to day duties involved in representing the Village of Island Lake and the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District. The Village of Island Lake is a rapidly growing community that deals a virtually nonstop barrage of development proposals which include annexation, zoning, and subdivision issues; annexation and development agreements; and other related matters. Drafting and reviewing contracts, employment agreements, and correspondence are all matters that are dealt with routinely.

Outside of municipal legal work, Mr. LeSueur's concentration involves personal injury and workers's compensation matters, real estate, corporate acquisitions and mergers, and other business related matters, as well as general civil litigation.

#### **Richard R. Rodriguez**

Admitted to bar 1997, Illinois. *Education:* Florida Atlantic University (B.A., President's List); Northern Illinois University (J.D., Deans Scholar 1997). *Member:* McHenry County and Illinois State Bar Associations. *Concentration:* Family Law, Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Bankruptcy and Collections, and Municipal Law.

*Experience:* Prior to becoming licensed in Illinois, Richard Rodriguez clerked for Florida's 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit State's Attorney's Office. This clerkship was with the investigation division in

which Mr. Rodriguez provided assistance with witness interviews and trial preparation. In Illinois, he worked for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District State's Attorney's Office as a student prosecutor under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711. In this capacity, Mr. Rodriguez prepared and prosecuted numerous misdemeanor cases ranging from D.U.I. to domestic battery. Mr. Rodriguez also assisted in the preparation and prosecution of felony cases ranging from forgery to murder.

Once admitted to the Illinois Bar Association, Mr. Rodriguez worked for Briscoe Law offices in which he prepared, filed, negotiated and litigated hundreds of cases ranging from criminal matters to general civil litigation at both the trial and appellate level.

In September 2003, Mr. Rodriguez joined the firm of Diamond & LeSueur, where he has prepared, negotiated, and litigated a broad range civil and criminal matters with clients including: individuals, corporate entities, and municipal corporate entities.

### **Danielle J. Diamond**

Admitted to bar 2004, Illinois. *Education:* Weber State University (B.I.S.); Northern Illinois University (J.D., 2003). *Member:* Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Associations, and American Bar Association. *Concentration:* Municipal Law; Land Use and Zoning; Civil Litigation; Real Estate and Transactional.

*General Legal Experience:* Danielle Diamond began with Diamond & LeSueur August 2003 serving as Zoning/Land Use Coordinator. She participated in all phases of municipal and county land use and zoning actions. Her extensive experience with municipal law includes: drafting city ordinances, dealing with city ordinance violations, and advising various municipalities as to their legal rights and remedies in a variety of different areas of law.

*Environmental Legal Experience:* Prior to coming to Diamond and LeSueur, Danielle Diamond interned for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In this capacity, she assisted with Environmental enforcement actions and settlements, judgement pretrial motions, agency referrals, legal memoranda and briefs and connected research on State, Federal, and Native American Tribal Laws. Ms. Diamond also served as a legal intern in Costa Rica performing research and analysis of trade agreements dealing with environmental policy between numerous Latin American countries. Ms. Diamond was a law clerk for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, which is an environmental litigation firm located in Salt Lake City Utah, where she drafted agency appeals, researched ongoing litigation in preparation for outstanding lawsuits emphasizing in environmental protection and natural resource management.

### **Adam J. Diamond**

Expected bar admission, October 2004, Illinois. *Education:* Northern Illinois University (J.D., Cum Laude, Rank 18/96, Dean's List, 2004); Weber State University (B.I.S., cum laude). *Clerking experience:* Municipal Law and Prosecutions, Family Law, and Civil Litigation.

*Detailed Clerking Experience:* Adam Diamond spent two summers assisting the city attorney for three different municipalities in both municipal matters and criminal prosecution. During Mr. Diamond's two summers of being a law clerk, he also assisted two private law firms with pretrial preparation for civil litigation including drafting: discovery requests, discovery responses, pretrial motions, and pretrial responses. During the summer after his second year of law school, Mr. Diamond was in court prosecuting municipal cases as a 711 clerk for two different municipalities. Mr. Diamond also spent one semester as a 711 clerk for Prairie State Legal Services obtaining Orders of Protection for battered and abused women.

Mr. Diamond was a semi-finalist in Northern Illinois University Prize Moot Court Competition 2003. He also competed in the 2004 National Trial Competition in which he conducted multiple civil personal injury trials from memory.