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• **Past Vice President and Director**, Northwest Suburban Estate Planning Council

• **Frequent Speaker**, Seminars on Estate Planning Issues for ISBA, NWSBA, and others

• **Continuing Legal Education Instructor**, Oakton Community College

• **President, Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association (IRELA)**
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• **Member, Multi-Board Residential Real Estate Contract Drafting Committee as IRELA Representative**

• **Past Chair, ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION (ISBA) Real Estate Law Section Council**

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in the area of: **Real Estate Law: Residential**



• **Title Examiner and Agent**, Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc.

LAW FIRM DESCRIPTION

The LAW OFFICES OF RALPH J. SCHUMANN is a full-service law firm with developed concentrations in estate planning, estate administration, residential and commercial real estate, corporate and business law, and litigation. We have the expertise to assist in developing estate plans designed to avoid probate and reduce or eliminate estate taxes, as well as extensive experience in administration and efficient resolution of those estates which do pass through probate. Ralph J. Schumann graduated with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law. We utilize the benefits of current technology to make our practice and the delivery of our legal services more efficient and more economical. You can reach us by telephone or by e-mail (rjs@SchumannLaw.com). Visit our web site at www.SchumannLaw.com for information and planning forms.

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RALPH J. SCHUMANN, Law Offices of Ralph J. Schumann, Schaumburg, Illinois | Mr. Schumann is a solo practitioner in Schaumburg, where he concentrates his practice in estate planning, trust and probate administration, real estate law, business succession planning and corporate law.

Professional Affiliations and Education. Mr. Schumann was admitted to the Illinois bar and the Northern District of Illinois in 1983, and the U. S. Court of Appeals in 1989. He currently serves as President of the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association (IRELA) and is a Past Chair of the ISBA Real Estate Law Section Council. He also serves on the Multi-Board Residential Real Estate Contract (“Common Contract”) Drafting Committee as the IRELA Representative, and is a Title Examiner and Agent with Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. Mr. Schumann was selected by his peers as a **Member** of the **LEADING LAWYERS NETWORK** in the area of **Real Estate Law: Residential**. *Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D. with honors. E-mail: rjs@schumannlaw.com.*

Publications and Speaking Engagements. Mr. Schumann has been a panelist and speaker at numerous seminars regarding various real estate law issues, and has authored numerous articles on real estate issues, among them “*Methods of Taking or Holding Title*”, Chapter 8 of Residential Real Estate Handbook, IICLE (2005), and “*The Unmarried Couple Purchaser*”, for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education’s (IICLE) Annual Real Estate Short Course. He has spoken on “TITLE INSURANCE COVERAGE: *What Real Estate Counsel Need to Know*” as part of a panel of national speakers for Strafford Webinars (2014), on “*Case Law Update*” for the Chicago Bar Association’s Real Property Committee CLE (2014), on “*RESPA Revisions & New Rules*” for the Illinois State Bar Association’s Real Estate Law Update for the Experienced Practitioner seminar (2009), on “*MULTI-BOARD RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACT 6.0: An Analysis of Key Changes*” for an Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc., OnDemand CLE Seminar (2014), and on “*NEW CFPB FORMS*” for multiple title insurance companies. He has also been a featured panelist on cable television programs for the ISBA, including “*Landlord and Tenant*” and “*Methods of Holding Title*” as part of the “*Illinois Law: Legal News You Can Use*” series. In addition, Mr. Schumann authored a handbook chapter and spoke on the topic of “*WHAT HAPPENED, HOW WE GOT HERE & WHAT TO DO NOW – Foreclosure Defense and Short Sales Issues*” at IICLE’s Annual Real Estate Short Course (2009). He recently spoke on the topic of “*NEW CFPB FORMS AND THE NEW CLOSING PROCESS; CFPB ECLOSING PILOT PROGRAM*” for Greater Illinois Title (2014). He has handled thousands of real estate transactions for both buyers and sellers, and serves as an expert witness in matters involving complex real estate law issues as well as in matters involving professional responsibility. He is a regular speaker at the “*Navigating a Real Estate Transaction*” seminars held by Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc., and has spoken at real estate law programs for the Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association, the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, Greater Illinois Title Company, and for Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc.