



President's Message

As we bring the first year of the existence of our association to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the board members and committee members for their services to the association. It has been a great honor to have served as the first President of what is quickly becoming a great association. I also want to take a look back at what we have accomplished in our first year. Here are a few of the many things we accomplished during our first year: we drafted and adopted bylaws; we held an inaugural meeting and seated our first board; we drafted and adopted a Code of Ethics; we retained a professional lobbyist; we passed groundbreaking legislation; and we developed relationships that will allow us to continue to advance our legislative agenda.

Thanks to the work of Vice President Bill Clutter, Senator Mike Jacobs, and countless others, we now have a unique law that places assault and/or battery on a Process Server on the same level as assault and/or battery on a peace officer, firefighter, and even a meter maid. We supported ADSAI's bill through our lobbyist and my testimony in front of the house committee that was signed into law and now exempts a Process Server from Criminal Trespass To Real Property. We used our lobbyist, Loretta Durbin, to open doors and lines of communication with key political figures who might not have otherwise given us the

time of day. We must continue to develop these relationships and use the political support gained from the same for the betterment of our profession.

I want to thank the National Association of Professional Process Servers (NAPPS) for their generous donation of \$7,000 (70% of the cost of our lobbyist). Without the support of NAPPS, retaining a lobbyist would have caused an enormous financial strain on our small association. Without encouragement and guidance from several NAPPS leaders, we also may have withered away as an association very early on. I want to specifically thank Jeff Bannister, Larry Yellon, Mike Compton, David Nill, and John Perez for their support, encouragement, and guidance over the past year.

I am going to take this opportunity to announce that one of the doors Loretta Durbin opened for us has already yielded promising results. On August 30, 2011, I had a meeting with Representative Bill Cunningham and several high-ranking members of the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The good news is that the Cook County Sheriff is very interested in eliminating, or at least severely restricting, the use of unlicensed court-appointed special process servers. The not-so-good news is that the Cook County Sheriff is not yet interested in supporting the removal of

the population distinction from the statute granting licensed Private Detectives and their registered employees the authority to serve process without special appointment. The sheriff's position on the population distinction issue is that his civil process unit nets a profit of approximately \$12 million per year and therefore, he has no interest in reducing that revenue stream. They were however, willing to explore the possibility of supporting new language that would allow licensed Private Detectives and their registered employees to serve "foreign process" (process originating from a county other than Cook County) within Cook County without special appointment. Even this relatively small change in the law would be a giant leap forward for licensees and ease the paperwork burden on both our clients and 101 of the 102 courts in this state. The sheriff wants some time to examine their records and try to determine if supporting this new language would have a measurable impact on their bottom line. Stay tuned for the outcome of that subject.

On the issue of unlicensed court-appointed special process servers, I believe that we now have great allies in the Cook County Sheriff and Representative Cunningham. They both wholeheartedly support eliminating unlicensed court-appointed special process servers, or at least placing severe restrictions on their use. The Cook County Sheriff is reaching out to other sheriffs in this state and measuring the level of support to determine which course of action they are willing to endorse. I support a population distinction (only allowing the use of unlicensed court-appointed special process servers in counties with a population less than say 100,000) that would eliminate the use of these unlicensed court-appointed special process servers from all of the populous counties. Such a move would make it less likely that the downstate bar

association will argue that there are no licensees offering cost-competitive service to many rural counties and be the easiest way to virtually eliminate this unlicensed scourge on our profession. The good that will come from reigning in these unlicensed rogue operators is immeasurable. These talks are in their infancy, so the final version could be something completely different, but just as great in the end.

In order to accomplish more for our profession, we need your support going forward. We have the people and we are developing the connections, however we need more members and financial support from both new and old members, so we can continue doing great things.

If you are a member, thank you for your support. If you are not a member, why haven't you joined? The more members we have, the stronger our voice is. The stronger our voice is, the more we can do for our profession. From a practical standpoint, the listing in the ILAPPS member directory alone is worth more than the cost of membership.

Please register for our annual meeting to be held at Harrah's in Joliet on Saturday, October 15, 2011, as soon as you possibly can. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities for the annual meeting, please contact Keith McMaster as soon as possible.

I will close with a final thought: If the best reason you have for doing something is that it is the way it has always been done, then it is time to step back and think about how you can effect positive change, but also take a moment to make certain that you are not just making change simply for the sake of doing something different.

Daniel Schroeder, ILAPPS President
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Gov. Quinn signs SB2004



Far left is Keith McMasters, Dan Schroeder, Bill Clutter (far right), NAPPS President Larry Yellow is to the right of Gov. Quinn, and

Springfield, IL. By Bill Clutter

On Aug. 12, 2011, Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law legislation making it a felony to assault or batter a process server.

Quinn held a bill signing ceremony at the Executive Mansion. Before signing the bill Quinn recognized the important function that process servers play in our court system. He emphasized the importance of this legislation in providing greater protection to process servers.

NAPPS President Larry Yellon flew in from New York to attend the ceremony. Yellon stated that this bill is the first of its kind to be adopted. He praised the leadership of the Illinois Association in paving the way for legislation protecting process servers in other states.

After the ceremony ILAPPS board members were given a private tour of the Governor's Mansion.

Also attending was ILAPPS' lobbyist Loretta Durbin. Long-time lobbyist for ADSAI Dick Lockhart also attended the ceremony.

This legislative success is an example of how both associations can work together to accomplish the goals of our membership.

After the event a press conference was held in the Blue Room of the state Capitol.

ILAPPS President Dan Schroeder stated, "We applaud Governor Quinn and Illinois legislators for recognizing that professional process servers play an important role in the legal system, and that individuals who resort to violence when being served should be charged with felony assault".

NAPPS President Larry Yellon praised ILAPPS. "Professional process servers are committed to ensuring a person's right to due process in the legal system. ILAPPS has worked diligently to make sure that if the unthinkable happens and process serving turns violent, an individual who attacks a process server faces the most serious charge possible", said Yellon.

He called the event, "The single greatest day of my life". Before being elected president he served as co-chairman of the State Association Committee. Illinois was the first state to form a new association during his tenure as chairman.



NAPPS President Larry Yellon and ILAPPS lobbyist Loretta Durbin.



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PROCESS SERVERS

1ST ANNUAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 15, 2011

HARRAH'S JOLIET HOTEL AND CASINO
151 N. JOLIET RD., JOLIET, IL 60432
(815) 740-7800

Illinois Process Servers:

You are invited to join in the celebration of ILAPPS 1st Annual Conference. Make your plans now to be in Joliet, IL on October 15, 2011 at the Harrah's Joliet Hotel and Casino. The ILAPPS Conference will provide you with the latest industry news as well as networking, fun and great accommodations. Also, ILAPPS will be holding its annual meeting, elections of the 2011-12 board members and also a banquet including a keynote speaker.

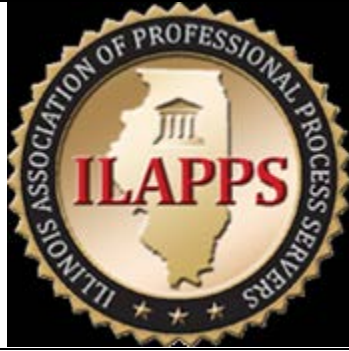
Harrah's Joliet will be hosting our first ever annual conference and offers all the amenities of a Las Vegas casino located right inside our own state. In the Event Center, Harrah's offers state of the art facilities that will work well for our annual meeting and banquet. In addition, the dining experiences offer The Reserve Steak House, Ace's Diner, Union Station Buffet, Mosaic, and Starbucks. The Casino offers slots, video poker, and table games including blackjack, craps, and roulette. After a big day, treat yourself to a night of luxury in one of Harrah's fabulous hotel rooms. A block of rooms will be set aside for ILAPPS for Friday and Saturday for those wishing to stay either of the two evenings.

Please complete the registration form included with this brochure as soon as possible. All registrations must be returned with payment and postmarked by October 7 to avoid higher registration fees. This will be a positive experience for all involved and we look forward to seeing you there. The association has just begun to start maximizing the potential of its people and this is only just the beginning of great things to come!

Please return the form via fax or email to ensure your registration to Kelly@iys.us or (312) 855-0306 and mail your check and original registration form to **ILAPPS**, PO Box 5359, Springfield, IL 62705. If you'd like to pay in full at the conference please note that on your registration form as well.

The 1st Annual ILAPPS Convention Agenda

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Start of the General Meeting
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Break for lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Resume Meeting
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Board Nominations
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Break
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner, Keynote Speaker, & Elections



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

<p>___ I will donate \$ _____</p> <p>___ I will be a BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250 Includes: listing on conference agenda materials, verbal acknowledgement at dinner, and special mention in the next ILAPPS newsletter.</p> <p>___ I will be a SILVER SPONSOR - \$500 Includes: benefits of a Bronze Sponsor plus name printed on Conference signage.</p> <p>___ I will be a GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,000 Includes: benefits of a Bronze and Silver Sponsor plus one free registration.</p>	<p>EVENT SPONSORSHIP:</p> <p>___ Saturday evening Cocktail Party (Drinks) - \$500 2 available</p> <p>___ Saturday evening Cocktail Party (Appetizers) - \$500 2 available</p> <p>___ Keynote Speaker - \$ 500 3 available</p>
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