



Edward J. Copeland

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A former Illinois legislator and past chair of the Illinois State Board of Education and Bank of the North Shore, Edward Copeland draws upon his experience in government and business when serving real estate clients.

Concentrating in commercial real estate primarily, Ed counsels and represents both businesses and individuals regarding real estate law, including the purchase, development, financing, construction, leasing and sale of office buildings, shopping centers and retail, industrial and residential properties. In addition to representing a wide variety of successful individuals and privately held business concerns, he also has represented a number of nationally recognized developers and real estate syndicators.

Areas of Practice

Labor & Employment, Real Estate

Ed provides a variety of legal services to our clients including:

- Commercial Real Estate
- Financing
- Bond work
- Developer representation
- Construction
- Purchaser representation
- Seller representation
- Lease negotiation
- Real estate closings

Achievements

- Received an "AV" rating, the highest achievable distinction from the peer review process, from Martindale-Hubbell, a legal resources network
- Awarded the Best Legislators Award from the Independent Voters of Illinois while serving in the Illinois House of Representatives
- Presented with a gubernatorial citation in recognition of his leadership and dedication to Illinois school children as a charter member and chair of the Illinois State Board of Education
- Profiled in the first and subsequent editions of *Who's Who in America*, beginning in 1978.

Background

His public service began in 1966 when voters elected and later reelected him to the Illinois House of Representatives. Beginning in 1975, he served for nine years on the Illinois State Board of Education, appointed by Governor Daniel Walker and reappointed by Governor James Thompson. He also organized the Bank of the North Shore in Northbrook, Illinois, and served as board chairman there for five years. Engaged in the practice of law since 1959, Ed joined Schuyler, Roche & Crisham in 1989.

Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 1958.

Certificate of Completion, University of London, London, England, 1957.

B.A., Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1955.

Bar & Court Admissions

Illinois, 1959

New York, 1981

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Conferred the title of Senior Counsellor by the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors, 2009

United States Supreme Court, 2010

Experience

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.

Chicago, Illinois

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1989 to Present

Shesky & Froelich

Chicago, Illinois

Partner

1988 to 1989

Wood, Lucksinger & Epstein

Chicago, Illinois

Partner

1986 to 1988

Foss, Schuman, Drake & Barnard

Chicago, Illinois

Partner
1971 to 1986

Law Office of Edward J. Copeland
Chicago, Illinois

Proprietor
1960 to 1971

United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Social Security Administration
Chicago, Illinois

Claims Adjudicator
1959 to 1960

Peer Recognition

Martindale-Hubbell, "peer review rated for ethical standards and legal ability," since 1976.

Selected as a Leading Lawyer in the areas of Real Estate Law: Commercial and Finance, 2012-2014

Professional Membership

American Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Civic Affiliations

Illinois State Board of Education; Springfield, Illinois; member, 1975 to 1983; chairman, 1981 to 1983.

Illinois Legislature, Springfield, Illinois, 1967 to 1971.

Board of Directors, Progressive Housing, Inc., an organization that provides housing and career training to disabled adults, 2011 to present.