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Peter Birnbaum of ATG named chief justice of the Illinois **Court of Claims**

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Governor Bruce Rauner has appointed Peter J. Birnbaum, president and CEO at Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG), as chief justice of the Illinois Court of Claims. He has served as a judge since 2004.

Birnbaum is one of seven judges on the Court of Claims.

During his tenure, Birnbaum has provided leadership for the court in cases involving soldiers killed in the line of duty. He also has authored several significant opinions including Dorsey v. State, a case involving a State Trooper who killed two young girls while he was texting and driving at reckless speeds.

In October 2014, the Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF) presented its 16th Annual Distinguished Award for Excellence to Birnbaum. In 2011, he was inducted as a

laureate in the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois State Bar Association, for his lifetime of service to the public and the profession.

A past president of the alumni board and current member of the board of overseers for the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Birnbaum was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the college in 2004. In 2013, he was named one of the college's 125 Alumni of Distinction over its 125-year history for his outstanding professional and community service achievements. He was elected to the board of the American Land Title Association in 2009 and currently serves as treasurer.

Birnbaum joined ATG in 1981 and was named president and CEO in 1991.

















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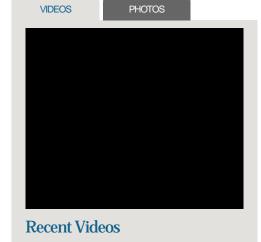
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Robert Belcaster says: May 26, 2015 at 12:12 pm

Peter. Congrads, you've been a great voice of reason for the Court and the State of Illinois - looking at the last decade maybe the only voice of reason for Illinois!

Hi to Julia and your family

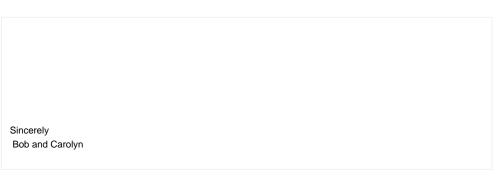


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