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Peter J. Birnbaum is celebrating twenty-five years as president and CEO of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. Under his leadership, the company has developed into a leading lawyer service organization with annual revenues in excess of \$90 million.

Birnbaum began his career at ATG as a law clerk in 1981 while a first-year student at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He then advanced to positions of staff attorney, and vice president and counsel.

During his twenty-five years at ATG, Birnbaum has received a number of awards including the Justice John Paul Stevens Award for those who exemplify Steven's commitment to integrity and public service in the practice of law. He has also received the Illinois Bar Foundation Distinguished Award for Excellence, the Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award for promoting diversity in the profession, the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Lend A Hand Foundation "Making a Difference" award, and was named one of Chicago-Kent College of Law's 125 Alumni of Distinction. In 2011, Birnbaum was inducted as a Laureate in the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois State Bar Association.

In January 2004, Birnbaum was appointed as a judge to the seven-member Illinois Court of Claims. The Court hears cases en banc and rules on claims against the State. He was appointed Chief Justice in 2015 and reappointed in 2016 by Governor Bruce Rauner. Birnbaum is also a past president of the Alumni Board and current Board of Overseers member of the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Birnbaum holds or has held leadership positions on several corporate and philanthropic boards. He served as president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago. He and his wife Juliet have been a Big Brother and Big Sister for the past eighteen years. Birnbaum is currently President of the Jesse White Foundation. He led the effort to build the Jesse White Community Center, opened in the fall of 2014. He was also elected to the Board of the American Land Title Association in 2009 and currently serves as Treasurer.

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