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40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch

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For the past four months 40 attorneys throughout Illinois have been keeping a secret. Finally, they are able to share with their peers, family and friends that they have been named a Law Bulletin 40 Under Forty Attorney.

More than a "who's who" list of attorneys, this year's honorees have been carefully selected from a record-breaking number of individuals nominated for this distinction.

As evidence from the nominations, many attorneys are "tireless advocates" for their client and the "go-to person" in their firm. However, becoming a 40 Under attorney is more than being a "true advocate" or a "fierce litigator" who can grasp complex issues.

The attorneys represented this year are more than the above attributes. This year's honorees, are not only dedicated to the practice of law and have the cases and clients to back it up, but they are involved with the community and committed to helping younger attorneys navigate the maze through their legal careers.

Each year one thing is certain; the bar for being chosen as an honoree continues to be raised, making the selection process very difficult.

The stars of this publication are not only the 40 attorneys, but also the individuals who took the time to write some of the most touching and inspirational words. Reading through each biography you will see just how important the nominations are because each profile is written based on the nominations received.

We applaud this 2008 class of honorees and also those who have been selected in the past. Their dedication to this publication, contributions, and comments are always appreciated.

Enjoy reading this year's edition of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," we enjoyed putting it all together.



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Age: 37

Law School: Saint Louis University School of Law

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Anne Garr has the combined legal knowledge, hard work and commitment to her clients to become one of the top attorneys in the city specializing in commercial real estate law.

Already a Partner and Practice Group Coordinator of the Real Estate and Land Use Practice Group at Chicago's Freeborn & Peters LLP, Garr represents developers and financial institutions across the country in multi-million-dollar real estate transactions. These clients trust that Garr will guarantee that huge deals will proceed smoothly and efficiently.

In fact, Garr's legal abilities have ensured her of a growing roster of repeat clients.

"Anne's responsiveness and her zealotness deliver excellent results for her clients, who immediately become repeat customers," said Victoria Collado with Chicago's Mayer Brown LLP.

"She consistently turns one-project assignments into multi-engagement relationships," added Douglass Rohrman, with Chicago's DLA Piper US LLP.

Garr's career is marked by the successful results she has earned for

her clients. Significant transactions that she recently handled include the representation of a major electronic software company in the sale and leaseback of its Chicago campus; the representation of a major financial institution in connection with its retail expansion in the Midwest; and the representation of the sponsor of a TIC offering in the acquisition of a shopping center in Savage, Minnesota.

It is little surprise, then, that Garr ascended quickly to the co-chair of the Firm's Woman's Leadership Council and is co-editor of the Firm's publication, F&P Development News.

"Anne represents an excellent model of what a practitioner should be: bright, engaging, a team player, skilled in her craft, deft at client service and attention, and an incredible developer of new business."

In addition, Garr works hard to bring other talented attorneys to her firms. She served as the head of the hiring committee at a previous firm, one of the youngest to hold that position there.

"The partners recognized that her intelligence and personality made her the perfect person for advertising the firm and attracting new hires," said

Dov Pinchot with DLA Piper. "Anne represents an excellent model of what a practitioner should be: bright, engaging, a team player, skilled in her craft, deft at client service and attention, and an incredible developer of new business."

Garr excels, too, at one of the most difficult tasks in law: negotiating. Her peers say that Garr manages to be both a fierce negotiator on behalf of her clients and cordial to opposing counsel. Thanks to this ability, Garr is able to work out the best solutions for her clients.

In addition to her work with her firm and clients, Garr finds time to give back to her profession. She is an active member of Commercial Real Estate Women, the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Real Estate Investment Association. The trade magazine Illinois Real Estate Journal recently honored Garr as one of the state's most important women in the real estate industry.

Garr's peers say that the young attorney continues to set an important example for other lawyers.

"Anne is especially strong as a mentor to other lawyers," said Linda Simon, with Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in Chicago. "The young lawyers who work for her, as well as her colleagues, have valued her honest, ethical, practical and insightful advice." *

Freeborn & Peters congratulates Anne Garr,
one of “40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch.”

Anne Garr is one tough negotiator. It's why developers and financial institutions across the country regularly entrust her with multi-million dollar deals.

It's no wonder that in her 12 years of practice, Anne has risen to the top ranks of Chicago's commercial real estate business and been honored as one of the most important women in the industry.

And as co-chair of Freeborn & Peters' Real Estate and Land Use Practice, she is a valued colleague, respected mentor and a bright, engaging force within the firm.

Anne Garr: definitely one to watch.



*Anne is the eighth
Freeborn & Peters
attorney to be named
to the Law Bulletin's
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since 2000.*

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