

Thomas E. McClure Biography

Tom McClure served as the Director of Legal Studies and the educator coach for the Mock Trial Team at Illinois State University from 2007 until 2025 when he retired. After graduating from the DePaul University School of Law, he clerked for an appellate judge. Tom was in private practice as a litigator and appellate attorney for 26 years in Kankakee County, Illinois before becoming a full-time educator. Tom is a member of the bars of Illinois, three federal district courts, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has the top Martindale Hubbell rating of AV and has been recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer five times.

Tom, now a Professor Emeritus, serves as a member of the American Bar Association Senior Lawyers Division Council. He was the Chair of the American Law Association ABA Standing Committee on Paralegals for three years and Chair of the ABA Paralegal Education Approval Commission the previous three years. He has co-written four editions of the paralegal textbook, *Fundamentals of Criminal Law and Procedure for Paralegals*. Tom has authored social science and law journal articles as well as book chapters on legal topics. Last year, he published three articles in two different ABA magazines for senior attorneys. His forthcoming piece entitled, "Why Would Anyone Travel to Mongolia?" will appear in the March issue of *Voice of Experience* magazine.