

Biography

Tom McClure is the Director of Legal Studies and Associate Professor at Illinois State University. 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.

He has been the educator coach for the ISU Mock Trial Team since 2007. Tom currently serves as the Chair of the American Law Association ABA Standing Committee on Paralegals Approval Commission. He has co-written two editions of the paralegal textbook, “Fundamentals of Criminal Law and Procedure for Paralegals” and has authored social science and law journal articles as well as book chapters on legal topics.