

**ROBERT W. PORTER**

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Costigan & Wollrab, P.C.**

*Partner*

*Associate*

2018

Bloomington, IL

January 2019 – present

August 2012 – December

**Litigation:**

- Represented private individuals, public agencies, and hospitals in petitioning for guardianship in 39 separate cases since January 2018.
- Successfully tried guardianship cases as both counsel for the petitioner and Court-appointed counsel for the ward.
- Drafted appellate briefs and reply briefs in a variety of causes of action including child support disputes, defamation, discovery sanctions, estate litigation, professional malpractice, and worker's compensation total disability benefits.
- Drafted pleadings and discovery requests and responses in complex civil litigation matters including 42 U.S.C. § 1983 actions and wrongful death cases.
- Deposed plaintiffs and witnesses in guardianship matters, estate litigation, personal injury suits, and insurance subrogation suits.
- Tried bench trials in family law matters, mechanics lien foreclosures, and eviction actions.
- Successfully settled insurance subrogation, commercial litigation cases, family law cases, estate litigation cases, and contested guardianships.

**Transactional/Counseling:**

- Serve as the Public Administrator and Public Guardian of McLean and Logan County, Illinois.
- Served as Court-appointed Guardian ad Litem in disabled adult guardianship matters, minor guardianship matters, and family law matters.
- Served as corporate counsel for a local government and provided advice on proper protocol under the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*, *Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, *Debt Reform Act*, and pertinent federal securities regulations; drafted notices, agendas, and resolutions; served as liaison with outside counsel, auditors, and accountants; and assisted in the running of board meetings.
- Assisted clients in the formation and reorganization of corporations and limited liability companies.
- Represented clients in the purchase of business organizations and assets.
- Drafted wills, declaration of trusts, complex trust instruments, and powers of attorney for health care and property.
- Handled residential and farm sale real estate transactions.

**Webber & Thies, P.C.**

*Law Clerk*

Urbana, IL

May 2011-May 2012

- Drafted pleadings and settlement agreements in cases involving consumer fraud, commercial litigation, employment law, family law, and trusts and estates.
- Conducted research and drafted supporting memoranda pertaining to employment law, tax law, and trust and estates matters.

**The Honorable Charles G. Reynard, 11th Circuit Court of Illinois**  
*Judicial Extern*

Bloomington, IL  
May 2010-August 2010

- Conducted research and wrote memoranda resolving issues of law presented to the court.
- Conducted research and wrote draft sections for book concerning domestic violence.

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Illinois College of Law**, Champaign, IL

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2012

GPA 3.52/4.00

*Honors:*

- Executive Administrative Editor, *The Elder Law Journal*.
- Dean's List (Fall 2010 and Spring 2012).

**Illinois Wesleyan University**, Bloomington, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 2009

GPA 3.98/4.00

*Honors:*

- Phi Beta Kappa.
- Phi Kappa Phi.
- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science (selected by Department Chair).

## **BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Illinois (2012).
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (2013).
- Certified Guardian ad Litem, 11th Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois (2018).

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**Public Administrator and Public Guardian,**

**McLean County**

Gubernatorial Appointment

December 3, 2021-present

**Public Administrator and Public Guardian,**

**Logan County**

Gubernatorial Appointment

December 3, 2021-present

**Illinois Guardianship Association**

Statewide Organization

- Member

June 2020-present

**McLean County Historical Society**

Bloomington, IL

- Secretary, Board of Directors

June 2018-present

**Illinois Symphony Orchestra**

Bloomington/Springfield, IL

- Member, Board of Directors

January 2017-present

**McLean County Bar Association**

Bloomington, IL

- Member

November 2012-present

**Illinois State Bar Association**

Statewide Organization

- Member

November 2012-present

**Normal Rotary Club**

Normal, IL

- Past Member.

November 2014-June 2019

**Bloomington Public Library**

Bloomington, IL

- Treasurer, Board of Trustees

May 2015-April 2017