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ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED AND ACCOMPLISHED ATTORNEYS IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA

Attorney Michele M. Jochner is always willing to help young attorneys reach their full potential.

Jochner, a partner at Schiller Ducanto & Fleck LLP, focuses on appellate law. Prior to joining the firm, she served for 15 years as a judicial law clerk to two Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court, the late Hon. Mary Ann G. McMorrow and the Hon. Charles E. Freeman.

She has worked on cutting edge issues of first impression, and possesses a unique understanding of the courts of review. She is a recognized legal scholar, expert writer and educator for both law students and her fellow attorneys.

Attorney Charmaine Lowe first met Jochner when she was clerking at the Circuit Court of Cook County during law school.

"At that time, Michele was my supervisor. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to know her not only personally, but professionally," Lowe said. "During our friendship, I have watched Michele become one of the most recognized and accomplished attorneys in the Chicagoland area."

Lowe said Jochner has authored countless opinions and articles, is often a speaker at events, and is involved with numerous bar associations and community groups. But Lowe said what sets Jochner apart from the rest is the way she

approaches mentoring others. She said Jochner has been her mentor for 20 years, and has counseled her through multiple career changes.

"Despite my doubts through each transition, Michele's uplifting spirit, dedication and guidance were always the constant which encouraged me to continue," Lowe said.

Jochner has made a difference in the lives of many young lawyers.

"It is not unusual for Michele to call me, filled with enthusiasm, while describing her latest meeting with a young female attorney or law student," Lowe said. "While it seems the privilege of meeting Michele would be theirs, what is so extraordinary is that Michele acts as if it is her own."

Lowe said whether Jochner is reviewing resumes or discussing career paths, she is always willing to give her time to teach and guide young women to ensure they are aware of all opportunities afforded to them in the legal profession.

"The lives Michele affects will forever be changed. Yet, Michele's innate gift to inspire them is effortless," Lowe said. "To Michele, it is a privilege to empower them because they are the future of the profession, and we, as experienced professionals, are charged with the responsibility to assure it is in good hands."