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Professional Service

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Past Member, Secretary Of State Jesse White's Board Of Ethics

Past Member, Northbrook Chamber Of Commerce Board Of Directors

Mike began his public career upon his graduation from law school. He became a member of the Legislative Reference Bureau's team of lawyers who draft all legislation for the members of the General Assembly. His knowledge of Illinois' statutes dates to that experience in drafting legislation and amendments in those early years. He then joined the staff of Lt. Governor Paul Simon as counsel. His experience then and since prompted Secretary Of State, Jesse White to appoint him a member of the Secretary Of State's Ethics Board shortly after he took office.

In 1977, Mike joined the legal staff of Senate President Tom Hynes, future Assessor of Cook County, and father of the current Comptroller Of Illinois, Dan Hynes. As a legal counsel, Mike worked with substantive committees, such as the judiciary committee, in addition to counseling the President. He also served as counsel to other staff members requiring guidance and advice on legal issues encountered in their work. Several years later, Mike moved across the rotunda to join the staff of Speaker Michael Madigan. He was one of the two lawyers who were the predecessors of the speaker's tech review staff, a group of lawyers who review every bill before the house for legal appropriateness and adherence to the rules of the House.

He also continued to work with committees and substantive staff. In 1984, the Speaker appointed Mike parliamentarian of the House. He also became a senior legal advisor to the Speaker. He continued in the role of parliamentarian until 1995, when he left government service. During this period, when not engaged in his duties with the House, Mike practiced law in the firm of Pollak and Hoffman. He was also a lecturer at Loyola University in Chicago, teaching courses in Illinois Lawmaking, and Illinois Issues.

Since 1982, Mike has been a board member of the Illinois Taxpayers Federation and the Illinois Tax Foundation, currently serving as its president. (The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that targets and examines public policy matters that is likely to affect the State's future direction.)