



The McDermond Center Speaker Series: *Eight Ideas To Remember When Building A Career*

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Union Building Ballroom



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Jim serves as the President and Chairman of the executive committee at Wiedner & McAuliffe, a Midwestern regional law firm. The firm practices in six states with more than 75 attorneys in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Rockford and Valparaiso. Jim graduated from DePauw University in 1982 and obtained his law degree at night at The John Marshall School of Law in Chicago. He joined Wiedner & McAuliffe in 1987, focusing his practice on all areas of workers' compensation defense and employment law. Jim has tried numerous cases before the IWCL, some of first impression. He currently oversees the operations, development and expansion of all of the firm's offices throughout the Midwest. Under Jim's leadership and vision, the firm has more than doubled its size and continues to serve the defense interests of some of the most significant companies in the world whose

Midwest presence is substantial.

Jim frequently writes and speaks on workers' compensation and employment law topics. He has served as a Board Member for the Workers' Compensation Law Section Counsel and as Co-Editor of the ISBA's Workers' Compensation Law Section quarterly newsletter. In 1992, Jim was admitted and sworn in by Justice William Rehnquist as an Attorney and Counselor of the United States Supreme Court. He has been rated an AV Preeminent lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell.

Jim was elected to two terms as a Trustee in his lifelong hometown of Lake Bluff, serving from 1999 to 2005. During this time, he chaired both the Economic Development Committee and the Public Safety Committee, which oversee local business growth and development and the operation of the Village Police and Fire Departments. Jim currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Providence St. Mel School, located in Garfield Park on the west side of Chicago. Jim is married to Julie Stevenson (née Parker, '83) for over 31 years with two children, the oldest a senior at DePauw.