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*Thomas Robert Sumner. Born December 4, 1949, Louisville, Kentucky. Married to Sherry Ann Beene. Three children. Chicago resident since 1965.*

**EDUCATION**

*High School - John Marshall High School, Chicago, Illinois, Diplomate, June 1967.*

*Undergraduate - University Of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; BA, Sociology, June 1971.*

*Law School - John Marshal Law School, Chicago, Illinois; JD, February 1977.*

*Numerous continuing judicial education courses in Illinois and Reno, Nevada.*

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Technical Assistance Provider**, Adult Redeploy Illinois program, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, October 2010 to present. Part-time resource consultant with program sites throughout the state of Illinois regarding program progress. Provide assistance as needed to help program sites reach goals and targets.

**Program Administrator**, Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, May 2010 to present. Part-time staff assistant collaborating with law schools, law firms, judges, attorneys and bar groups on behalf of the Commission in its mission to promote integrity, civility and professionalism among the lawyers and judges throughout the state of Illinois.

**Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County**, Appointed from June, 1988 until retirement, December, 2007. Assigned three years in the Juvenile Justice Division, hearing felony and misdemeanor delinquency matters. Also handled felony preliminary hearings, paternity, forcible entry and detainer, traffic, and misdemeanor cases at various branch courts throughout the First Municipal District in Cook County. Assigned twelve years in the Criminal Division as a felony trial Judge.

**Attorney at Law**, Sumner and Smith, Attorneys at Law, 25 East Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois -October 1982 to June 1988. Managing partner in the private practice of law primarily concentrating in the areas of public finance, commercial and residential real estate, personal injury defense, and civil and criminal litigation. The firm became the first African American law firm in Illinois to be listed in the Bond Buyers "Red Book" listing of qualified bond attorneys in the area of public finance. The firm was lead bond counsel on the Harold Washington Library project. Special counsel to the Illinois Development Finance Authority involving their Industrial Development Bond financing program. Acted as compliance review attorneys for the Illinois Housing Development Authority's first time home buyers low interest program. Handled numerous personal injury cases for the Chicago Board of Education, the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Transit Authority.

**Trial Attorney**, Cook County Public Defender's Office, Chicago, Illinois - March 1978 to October 1982. Trial Attorney in the First and Sixth Municipal Districts and the Criminal Division at 26th and California. Handled misdemeanor and felony trials. Received extensive training at the National College of Criminal Defense in Houston, Texas.

**Real Estate Instructor**, Chicago City Colleges Adult Education Program -1987 to 1988.

**Attorney Title Examiner Trainee.** Chicago Title Insurance Company, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois -August 1977 to March 1978. Worked as . Conducted title searches and examinations for the purpose of issuing title insurance policies for residential real estate matters.

**Academic Advisor,** University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois - September 1971 to August 1977. in the Educational Assistance Program for minority students in the College of Art and Architecture. Counseled students regarding course selection, tutoring, housing and financial aid. Recruited minority students at area high schools for the College of Art and Architecture.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

*President of the Cook County Bar Association - July 1985 to June 1986. Board of Directors of the Cook County Bar Association -1979 to 1987. Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association - 1986~fo 1988. Membership Committee of the Chicago Bar Association - 1986 to 1988. Board of Managers Member at Large - National Bar Association 1985 to 1987. Treasurer of the Illinois Jucicial Council –2006/2007. Board Member of the Cook County Bar Association Foundation. Current Treasurer of the Illinois Judicial Council Foundation.*

*Current or past member - National Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, National Association of Securities Professionals, Chicago Bar Association, American Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Illinois Judges Association, Illinois Judicial Council.*

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES, PAST AND PRESENT

*Past member of the Board of Directors of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.*

*Past member of the Board of Directors of Project LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts) - 1985 to 1988.*

*Past Member of the Board of Directors of Washington Park YMCA. -1987 to 1991.*

*Administrative Board Vice-Chairman of St. Mark United Methodist Church - 1992-1994.*

*Current Charman of the Board of Trustees, St. Mark United Methodist Church.*

*Member of the Board of Directors of the Community Development Corporation, St. Mark United Methodist Church.*

*Past volunteer attorney with the Cook County Bar Association Community Law Project and the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Program.*

*Past Volunteer Instructor with the University of Chicago Law School Mandel Legal Clinic Trial Advocacy Program.*

*Past Volunteer Coach for the South Chicago YMCA Basketball Program.*

*Volunteer tutor with the Project HEROES program at St. Mark United Methodist Church.*

*Past Member of the Black Alumni Association of the University of Illinois at Chicago.*

*St. Mark United Methodist Church Prison Outreach Ministry.*

*Chicago Police Department WE CARE role model volnteer.*

*Chicago Coalition For Law Related Education Volunteer.*

*Past Volunteer Judge for the John Marshall Law School Moot Court Competition.*

*Past Judicial Mentor with the Cook County Circuit Court Judicial Mentoring Program.*

*Former Member of the Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions Criminal Committee.*

*Former Member of the Special Supreme Court Capital Litigation Committee.*

*Faculty member of the Capital Trials Seminar series for Illinois Judges.*

*Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School, Criminal Procedure, Summer 2008.*

*USCG Licensed Captain(100 Gross Tons)*