

## HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Civil litigation skills including trials by jury and judge.
- Civil and criminal appeals since 1971.
- Experience in various areas, such as personal injury, products liability, criminal, civil rights, consumer protection and commercial law.
- Engineering skills for the intersection of law and science and technology.

### *Some of my cases:*

- A home owner had an agreement with “investors” for a short-term loan to “rescue” her from imminent foreclosure. When she was unable to repay the loan, the “investors” forced her to sign a lease and then tried to evict her. I investigated the surrounding facts and then filed a detailed factual defense. My work led to a settlement that saved my client’s equity. She was never interviewed or deposed. (04 M1-705567)

- An environmental organization won a judgment ordering a federal Department of Energy to produce and copy thousands of documents according to a fixed schedule. The judge rejected the defense that the huge backlog of pending Freedom of Information requests to the agency warranted the placing of their request behind earlier requests. This would have delayed the production for many years. My clients were never interviewed or deposed. (192 F. Supp.2d 877 (S.D. Ill. 2002))

- Discrimination cases, including a jury verdict for plaintiffs who allegedly gave a “bad” check for a security deposit. (800 F2d 136 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983))

### *Some of my bar and community activities:*

Chicago Bar Association, Consumer Protection referral panel lawyer and member of the Consumer Protection committee. 2009 – present.

Appellate Lawyers Association, member.

Long-time member of Illinois Audubon Society and founding member of Friends of Plum Island, now a nature sanctuary. (See [www.EdwinMcCullough.com](http://www.EdwinMcCullough.com) for details.)

*Pro bono publico* work on rolling back mass incarceration in America. This involves networking, research, writing, organizing workshops and public meetings.

Study groups, including Great Books Foundation discussion group meeting monthly at the Chicago Public Library, Lincoln Park branch. 2003 – present.

Through the Eye of a Needle: The Earth's Hard Passage Back to Health, 10 *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*, 389-453 (article, 1996).

*Legal employment:*

- 7/77 to present      Solo law practice in Chicago and Ottawa, Illinois.
- 7/75 to 7/77      Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, civil legal aid at Cook County Jail.
- 4/74 to 7/75      James P. Chapman, Ltd.
- 3/73 to 3/74      Office of State Appellate Defender, Assistant Defender, Death Penalty Panel Attorney, 1996 to 2003.

*Higher education:*

J.D., *cum laude*, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, 1973.

B.S.E.E., *honors*, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1963.

Self-directed learning over the years and countless legal education courses.

*Technical employment:*

Stewart Warner Electronics, Motorola, Bell Labs, concentrated in logic design.

*Some thoughts:*

Many lawyers I know, from time to time, despair of their work. Law's a risky business. Clients come and go. Money is elusive. Cases hang by a thread.

But there's a sunny side. The law helps bring us together peacefully. Small wrongs are righted. Justice supplants injustice. Rights are found, protected and expanded.

We keep keeping on.