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**Legal Experience:**

January 1, 1997 to present. Stephen L. Tyma, P.C. Concentration: State and Federal Trial and Appellate Litigation, including general commercial litigation (U.C.C., real estate, contract, business torts, intellectual property, restrictive covenants, collections, creditors' rights), professional liability (including representation of attorneys in legal malpractice claims and before regulatory and disciplinary agencies), banking, trust and probate, RICO, environmental, construction, domestic relations, municipal law, family law, and white collar criminal; Transactions, including real estate (commercial sales and leases; residential sales), asset purchases and sales, stock transactions, and general contracting; Counseling; Alternative Dispute Resolution (trained mediator and arbitrator).

November 1, 1989 to December 31, 1996. Schwartz & Freeman, Chicago, Illinois (now Michael, Best & Friedrich, L.L.P.). Concentration: State and Federal Trial and Appellate Litigation, including general commercial litigation (U.C.C., real estate, contract, business torts, intellectual property, restrictive covenants), professional liability, banking, trust and probate, RICO, environmental, construction, domestic relations, family law, and white collar criminal.

July 1, 1986 to October 31, 1989. McDermott, Will & Emery, Chicago, Illinois. Concentration: State and Federal Trial and Appellate Litigation, including general commercial litigation, construction litigation, insurance coverage (including manuscript policies), family law, and professional liability of attorneys, architects and engineers, and administrative law.

May, 1984 to June 30, 1986. Isham, Lincoln & Beale, Chicago, Illinois. Concentration: State and Federal Trial and Appellate Litigation, including general commercial litigation (RICO, securities, product liability, reinsurance, and public law).

May, 1982 to May, 1984. Davis & Fajen, P.C., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Experience in all phases of litigation and trial practice to the extent allowed. Major concentration on state and federal constitutional litigation. Responsibility for motion practice, discovery, trial preparation, and appellate briefing in the case which resulted in the opinion in *Regents of the University of Michigan v. Ewing*, 474 U.S. 214 (1985).

**Other Experience:**

September, 1971 to May, 1981. Teaching assistant, research assistant and lecturer, University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Taught and conducted research in linguistics, anthropology, philosophy and psychiatry.

1979-1980. Horace H. Rackham Fellow, University of Michigan.

**Education:**

- 1984 J.D.; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (Assistant Instructor, Legal Research and Writing, 1982-83; Instructor, Legal Research and Writing, 1983-84).
- 1979 C. Phil.; Linguistics, University of Michigan (dissertation pending).
- 1974 M.A.; Linguistics, Michigan State University.
- 1972 B.A.; Communication, Michigan State University.

**Publications:**

**Legal:** *Representing Foreign Nationals in Family Law, General Civil and Litigation Matters*. Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. 2012. (Presenter in continuing legal education program).

*Landlord-Tenant Law: The Lease*. Sterling Education Services Continuing Legal Education. 2015. (Presenter in continuing legal education program).

*Immigration Lawyers and Fee and Expense Collections*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter 2016 Spring Ethics Conference, May 2016. (Presenter in continuing legal education program).

**Books:** (with T.L. Markey). *Studies in European Linguistic Theory*. Grossen-Linden, West Germany: Hoffman Verlag. 1978.

**Papers:** Beginning in 1976, authored or co-authored papers published in various linguistics, philosophy, anthropology and psychiatry journals or collections. Titles or copies are available on request.

**Others:** Co-authored and published eight standardized tests of English language proficiency through the English Language Institute, University of Michigan.

**Other Legal:**

Licensed to practice law in Illinois; admitted to United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Member, Trial Bar) and for the Eastern District of Michigan, to the United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits, and to the United States Supreme Court.

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2001-2002 Chair, Chicago Bar Association Constitutional Law Committee.

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1997-1998 Chair, Chicago Bar Association Constitutional Law Committee (Vice-Chair 1996-1997).

1998 Nominating Committee, Chicago Bar Association.

**Representative Cases:**

*Midwest Grinding Co., Inc. v. Spitz*, 976 F.2d 1016 (7th Cir. 1992)

*Industrial Steel Construction Co. v. Mooncotch*, 264 Ill. App.3d 507 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1994)

*Loyola University v. Bowen*, 905 F.2d. 1067 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990)

*Klairmont v. Elmhurst Radiologists, S.C.*, 200 Ill. App.3d 638 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1990)

**Community Involvement:**

Former Member, Advisory Council, The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Chicago, Illinois.

Former Oak Park Youth Baseball Coach.

Former Member, Strategic Planning Committee, InterCultura Montessori School (now Intercultural Montessori Language School).

Former General Counsel (*pro bono*), Intercultural Montessori Language School.

Board of Directors, Euclid Place Home Owners Association (President, April 2013 to present).

Member, Momenta Dance Company of Oak Park (Senior Company).

**Family:**

Married to Loraine Brzozowski. Four children (ages 33, 30, 20 and 14).

**References:**

Available on request.