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Biographical Sketch of **JOSEPH A. MORRIS**

Joseph A. Morris is a partner in the law firm of Morris & De La Rosa, with offices in Chicago and London. Mr. Morris is resident at the Chicago office. He maintains an active practice conducting trials and appeals, particularly in the areas of constitutional, business, labor, and international law. He is a member of the Bars of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Illinois, and of several other courts.

Mr. Morris served under President Reagan as Assistant Attorney General of the United States and Director of the Department of Justice Office of Liaison Services, in which capacity he was the Attorney General's top assistant in charge of international affairs and of liaison with state and local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies; the General Counsel of the United States Office of Personnel Management; the Special Counsel to the Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and the Chief of Staff and General Counsel of the United States Information Agency. He has also been an American delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva and both a government and a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

He is a Director of the American Conservative Union and is the Chairman of United Republican Fund of Illinois. He has been a director of the Philadelphia Society, and is a leader in other Republican Party and conservative political bodies. He was the 1994 nominee of the Republican Party for President of the Cook County Board (serving a population of more than 5 million people, including Chicago); although defeated in a Democrat stronghold, he received half a million votes and turned in the best Republican record in a generation.

He serves *pro bono publico* as the President and General Counsel of The Lincoln Legal Foundation and is active in a number of other bar, civic, and charitable organizations.

A leader in B'nai B'rith and other Jewish and interfaith organizations, Mr. Morris served from 1995 through 2001 as the President of B'nai B'rith in the Midwest. He was the founder and first Chairman of the B'nai B'rith International Center for Public Policy and the founder and first President of the Capital Legal Council of B'nai B'rith, both headquartered in Washington, D.C. He currently chairs the B'nai B'rith Midwest Center for Public Policy, headquartered in Chicago. He is a member of the national board of directors of Toward Tradition. He is a member of Temple Sholom of Chicago; the Loop Synagogue of Chicago; and Temple Israel of Gary, Indiana.

A frequent lecturer and debater, he has appeared on such national and local television and radio programs as ABC's "Good Morning, America", NBC's "Nightly News", the syndicated "Entertainment Tonight", CNN's "Day Watch" and "Crossfire", C-SPAN's "Washington Journal", WTTW-TV's "Chicago Tonight", and WGN-Radio's "Extension 720 with Milt Rosenberg". He was formerly co-host of "Equal Time", a public affairs show broadcast weekday evenings on WBEZ-Radio, the National Public Radio affiliate in Chicago. He has spoken and published widely on business, legal, economic, public policy, and foreign relations matters.

Born on October 24, 1951, in Gary, Indiana, Mr. Morris is an alumnus of the College and the Law School of The University of Chicago. He is married to Kathleen Morris and resides in Chicago, Illinois.