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### PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INITIATIVE ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBER, KYLE A. PETERSEN

The Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) has elected [Kyle A. Petersen](#) of Seyfarth Shaw LLP to serve on its Board of Directors. Kyle is a partner in the firm's Wage & Hour Litigation practice group in the Labor and Employment Department. She is also an Alumna of PILI's Graduate Fellowship Program, having served as a PILI Fellow in 2001 at Pro Bono Advocates (now known as Domestic Violence Legal Clinic). Her Fellowship was sponsored by Katten Muchin Rosenman and, in 2004, she received that firm's Pro Bono Service Award. Since her Fellowship, she has been involved in several non-profit organizations, regularly provides pro bono representation to legal aid agencies and has represented immigrants seeking asylum. She is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the American Bar Association and is involved with Friends of Drummond, the West Bucktown Neighborhood Association, and KAM Isaiah Israel.



"Joining the PILI Board is particularly meaningful to me, as a PILI Alumna who is part of a family that has long known the value of and supported its work," Kyle said. "PILI's Fellowship and Internship Programs have an incredibly positive impact in the Illinois legal aid community that is multiplied exponentially thanks to the ongoing work of PILI's Alumni. I am thrilled to be joining the Board and look forward to working with PILI to strengthen the commitment of all Illinois' lawyers to public interest law and pro bono service."

Kyle joins PILI's Board following the departure of Jeffrey K. Ross, also of Seyfarth Shaw, who had served as a Board Member for PILI since 2010. PILI welcomes Kyle and thanks Jeffrey for his years of dedicated service.

PILI's Board of Directors is currently led by President Richard O'Malley, Jr. of Sidley Austin LLP, and by Vice President Bradley G. Lane of Brinks Gilson & Lione. See [www.pili.org/board-of-directors](http://www.pili.org/board-of-directors) for a full list of PILI's Board Members.

**About PILI:** PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need. PILI envisions a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

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