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Joseph Sheyka has practiced in the field of franchising and distribution law for thirty years.

He is co-author of *General Franchising Considerations*, published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Organizing and Advising Illinois Businesses.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Recognitions

The respected English publisher Chambers & Partners has repeatedly cited Joseph in *Chambers USA* as "very knowledgeable," "a very solid practitioner" "with a high skill level" and a "deep well of knowledge." The directory indicated he "is respected by sources for his expertise on a range of distribution and franchising work." He wins praise for his "exceptional ability when it comes to negotiating settlements" and "is seen as one of the go-to lawyers in Illinois for regulatory and legislative expertise," as well as an "excellent businessman." A commentator described him as "a reserved kind of transaction expert—quiet but very talented, creative in finding solutions for clients and the kind of guy you want on your team." "Sources have drawn particular attention to his solid negotiation skills."

The Leading Lawyers Network lists him as a Leading Lawyer in Illinois, and he has been cited in 12 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer, as the result of research projects conducted jointly by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazines, and has been listed in *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* and *The International Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers*. He was named a Best Lawyer for 2014 in *Chicago's Best Lawyers* magazine.

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law 1974
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RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Franchise

Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology

- B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1968

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- ABA Forum Committee on Franchising
- Franchising Committee of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association
- International Franchising Committee of the Business Law Section of the International Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, *General Franchising Considerations*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Organizing and Advising Illinois Businesses
- Co-author, *Franchising in the United States*, Canadian Franchise Guide

Events

- Speaker, "Franchising in Latin America: A Two-Way Street," Franchise Expo South Conference, Miami (January 21, 2012)
- Speaker, Canadian Franchise Association

NEWS

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