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James M. Morphey was admitted to practice in Illinois in 1983. He joined Sorling Northrup as a partner in January of 1993. Mr. Morphey concentrates his practice in the areas of government relations, environmental law, administrative law, and election law.

Mr. Morphey previously served in a variety of staff positions with the Illinois House of Representatives, where he assisted legislative leaders on many major legislative issues. From 1985 through 1992, he served as Chief Legal Counsel to Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan. From 1984 to 1992, he practiced law in Springfield, Illinois as a sole practitioner. Mr. Morphey is a co-author of a chapter in the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Election Law Handbook entitled, "The Structure, Functions and Legal Status of Political Parties." He has been selected by his peers as a member of the Leading Lawyers Network in the areas of Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying, and Administrative Law. He has also been selected by his peers as an Illinois "Super Lawyer" in the area of government relations, an honor bestowed on only 5% of the attorneys in Illinois.

Mr. Morphey is a member of the Illinois State and Sangamon County Bar Associations.

Cases litigated by Mr. Morphey include the following reported decisions: *Kluk v. Lang*, 125 Ill. 2d 306, 531 N.E. 2d 790 (1988); *Rock v. Burriss*, 139 Ill. 2d 494, 564 N.E. 2d 1240 (1990); *Times Mirror Cable Television v. First National Bank of Springfield*, et al., 221 Ill.App. 3d 582 (1991); *Bryant v. Cook County Officers Electoral Board*, 195 Ill.App. 3d 556, 553 N.E. 2d 26 (1990); *Medical Disposal Services, Inc. v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 677 N.E. 2d 428, 222 Ill.Dec. 225 (1st Dist. 1997) (*amicus curiae*).

Education

Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
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Bar Admissions

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