



The Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

130th Annual Dinner
In Honor of
The Federal Judiciary

November 5, 2025

Union League Club of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

PROGRAM

~ WELCOME ~

**Matthew Kelly
IPLAC President**

~ THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ~

**INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY
AND HONORED GUESTS**

~ DINNER ~

**PRESENTATION OF IPLAC'S DISTINGUISHED
JUDICIAL SERVICE AWARD TO
The Honorable John F. Kness**

**~ DESSERT, AFTER DINNER CORDIALS,
NETWORKING AND MUSIC ~**

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The Honorable Beth E. Hanan

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The Honorable Gerald B. Cohn

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MENU

~ SALAD COURSE ~

CAESAR SALAD

*Crisp Romaine, House Made Sourdough Croutons, Shaved Parmesan
with Caesar Dressing*

~ PRE-SELECTED ENTRÉE COURSE ~

GRILLED BLACK ANGUS FILET MIGNON

*Oven Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Red Wine Demi
Glace*

SEARED BLACK COD

Sweet Pea Farrotto, Lobster Brodo

RICOTTA GNOCCHI DINNER

Arugula, Oil Cured Tomatoes, Pesto Cream

CAULIFLOWER STEAK

Rose Harissa, Brussels Sprouts, Beet, Red Pepper Coulis

~ DESSERT ~

SELECTION OF PASTRIES AT DESSERT STATION

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