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**ATTORNEYS**

**Terrence Kennedy, Jr.**

Terrence Kennedy has more than 30 years of experience as an attorney, with a primary focus in the area of real estate tax assessment law. Terry's training in the property tax field began at the Cook County Assessor's Office, where he worked as an assessment analyst. After graduating from law school, Terry handled general practice matters for 3 years with the Law Offices of Victor Cacciatore. He then joined the firm of former mayor Michael Bilandic, where he worked for 10 years on real estate tax cases. In 1990, Terry started his own firm, which has grown to be one of the leading firms in the tax assessment field in Cook County. Terry graduated from the University of Notre Dame with honors in 1971, and from Northwestern University Law School cum laude in 1976.

**Mary Ann Connelly**

Mary Ann Connelly has more than 26 years of experience as an attorney. From 1988 to 1998, she worked for the Cook County Assessor's Office, serving both in the legal department and in the appeals department. Prior to that time, she worked as an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County. She has been a member of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr. since November, 1998. Mary Ann was chairman of the State and Local Taxation Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association in 1995-1996, and is currently co-editor of the committee's newsletter. She has also served as Chair of the Judicial Evaluation Committee (Cook County) for the Illinois State Bar Association. She graduated from St. Mary's College in 1977, studied law in London at the Notre Dame Law School summer program, and received her law degree from John Marshall Law School in 1982.

**Marie V. Mactal**

Marie Mactal graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1993, and received her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1998. She has been a member of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr. since November, 1998.

**Leslie L. Hedges**

Leslie Hedges graduated from Pepperdine University in California in 1992, and received her law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 2001. She has been a member of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr. since October, 2001.

**Joe Lee Huang**

Joe Huang graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1996, and received his law degree from the School of Law of the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2000. He has been a member of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr. since November, 2001.

**Daniel J. Farley**

Dan Farley graduated from DePaul University in Chicago in 1995, and received his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1998. He has been a member of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr. since August, 2010. Prior to joining the firm, Dan worked as an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County where he successfully litigated numerous cases. After the State's Attorney, Dan formed his own real estate development corporation where he successfully built and sold numerous single family homes located on the north side of Chicago. Dan has over 20 years of experience in the real estate area from managing his family rental properties and running his own real estate development corporation.

**AREAS OF PRACTICE****REAL ESTATE TAXATION**

The focus of the firm's practice is real estate taxation. The firm files more than 500 complaints per year at the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Board of Review on behalf of taxpayers seeking reductions in assessments. The complaints cover a wide range of properties, including industrial buildings, office buildings, motels, commercial strip centers, apartment buildings, nursing homes, and condominiums. In an article detailing the real estate tax assessment practice, Crain's Chicago Business listed the firm among the top 10 in market share in Cook County, in terms of the number of commercial complaints filed with the Assessor's Office.

The firm litigates assessment appeals in the Circuit Court of Cook County, and at the Property Tax Appeal Board, seeking tax refunds on behalf of property owners.

The firm also handles properties in the "Collar Counties", and has represented clients in complaints to the Boards of Review of Lake, DuPage, McHenry, Will, and Kane Counties.

Related tax issues handled by the firm include:

- Redemptions from tax sales;
- Tax deed petitions;
- Exemption petitions to the Illinois Department of Revenue;
- Applications for special incentive assessments for new or rehabbed industrial property (class 6) and low-income housing (class 9);
- Divisions and consolidations of tax parcels;
- Applications for S.R.O. status;
- Tax rate objections;
- Applications for tax freezes for rehabilitation of historic buildings;
- Defense of tax collection lawsuits (actions-in-debt).