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## **Farrar Appointed Evanston City Attorney/Corporation Counsel**

**EVANSTON, IL** – Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz announces the appointment of W. Grant Farrar as City Attorney/Corporation Counsel. Mr. Farrar will begin his duties on November 30, 2009. Bobkiewicz also announced a re-organization of the City's Law Department. Corporation Counsel Jack Siegel will now become Of Counsel to the City and Interim First Assistant Corporation Counsel Elke Purze will become Deputy City Attorney.



Farrar is currently a partner at Bollinger, Ruberry and Garvey law firm in Chicago. He has worked for twelve years representing the State of Illinois and Illinois local government clients in a wide variety of cases both in private practice and as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney and as Assistant Counsel to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Farrar received his Bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Iowa and his Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

"Mr. Farrar brings to Evanston not only outstanding experience representing local governments on a variety of matters in Illinois, but also proven management of legal affairs. This combination of legal experience and law firm management skills will be of great benefit to the City of Evanston," said Bobkiewicz. "I look forward to having Mr. Farrar serve as counselor to the Mayor, City Council, staff and City Manager as we navigate through a very litigious world; his assistance in helping the City of Evanston properly position itself in all legal matters will be invaluable."

"With Mr. Farrar's arrival, it is also an opportunity to recognize the outstanding service of Jack Siegel to the City of Evanston. Siegel's 46 years of service as Evanston's Corporation Counsel was marked by tremendous periods of change in the community and in the city government. I am pleased that Jack will remain associated with the City as Of Counsel," Bobkiewicz added.

With the reorganization of the Law Department, the City Attorney/Corporation Counsel position will return to being a full time City employee. The City Attorney will work with the Deputy City Attorney (which has

been a full time staff position previously known as First Assistant Corporation Counsel) and staff Assistant City Attorneys.

Farrar and his wife Shannon reside in Evanston with their daughter Alexandra.

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