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ILLINOIS CHAMBER

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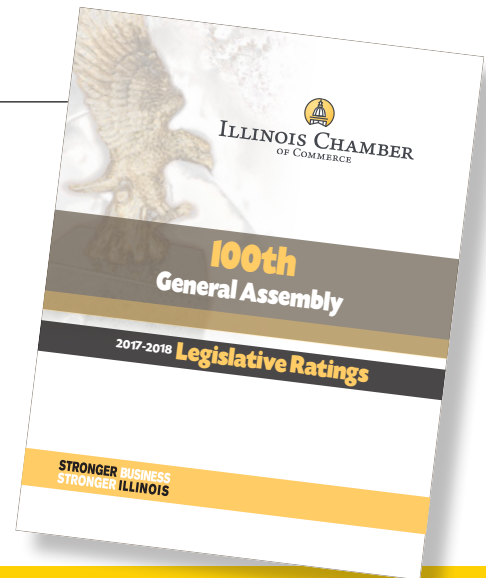
## ILLINOIS CHAMBER ENDORSES GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER



We are proud to announce that the Illinois Chamber will endorse Bruce Rauner in the race for Illinois governor. This is the culmination of a process that began some weeks ago and as we enter the homestretch of the race is an important development. Yes, we have problems to address, but our potential to return to fiscal and economic health just needs the right policies and leadership. Bruce Rauner will provide both.

## CHAMPIONS OF FREE ENTERPRISE

On Sept. 5, the Illinois Chamber released their Legislative Ratings for the 100th General Assembly. These ratings let Illinois families, small businesses, and taxpayers know if legislators voted in favor of private sector job creation and a stronger economy. We honored 34 members of the Illinois House of Representatives and 13 members of the Illinois Senate with its biennial “Champion of Free Enterprise” award, given in recognition of their support for voting to further economic opportunities for Illinoisans. [See the complete list here.](#)



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The Edie Award winners were recognized during the Chamber's Annual luncheon on Sept. 20. Congratulations all the way around!

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## ANNUAL LUNCHEON WAS ALL ABOUT ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR ILLINOIS

The Illinois Chamber held its Annual Luncheon on Sept. 20 at the Hilton Chicago. Keynote speaker Lance Fritz (pictured far left), President and CEO of Union Pacific, discussed Illinois' role in building America. Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve was in attendance for a statement of support with Union Pacific. Governor Rauner gave a high-spirited speech on the importance of economic growth in Illinois. The Edie Award winners (pictured at left) received their awards during the luncheon.





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## MAISCH JOINS U.S. CHAMBER FOR OFFSHORE TOUR

On Sept. 12, Todd Maisch, Illinois Chamber’s President and CEO, joined the U.S. Chamber and host Arena Offshore for a one of a kind tour of both a drilling and production platform operation in the Gulf of Mexico.

## SILVEY APPOINTED TO ESGR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Laurie Silvey, President of Center for Business Management and Assoc. Vice President for the Business Services Division has been appointed to serve on the National Board of Directors for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). She will be one

of two Employer Representatives for the organization, providing advice on operational, organizational and policy-related issues across the United States. ESGR includes 54 committees, located across all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. Her term runs until September 30, 2021.

## STAATS DISCUSSES TAXES, CANDIDATES AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY



On Sept. 26, Keith Staats, Tax Institute Executive Director, was the lunch speaker at a state and local tax seminar sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Tax Executives Institute (TEI). He discussed state tax proposals of the two major candidates for Governor – Governor Rauner and J.B. Pritzker.

Then on Sept. 28, Staats taught a seminar on the new Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act at Tax Institute member accounting firm FGMK. He spoke to about 25 members of the firm both in person at the firm’s Banockburn office and via video conference to the firm’s Chicago office.

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## IN THE NEWS

*Fighting for Business Every Month*

*In the month of September, we spoke to radio, television, and print media outlets, delivering pro-business values to audiences across Illinois. Below is a selection of stories where the Chamber has advocated its position on a variety of topics.*

### EDIE AWARD NEWS

- [CITY OF WOOD DALE: Illinois Tollway Receives Economic Development Award for Route 390](#)
- [Belvidere auto supplier finds its footing, wins state award](#)
- [John Boos and Company Gets Statewide Honor](#)

### ILLINOIS EMPLOYMENT

- [Lawmakers vow to override veto of bill barring employers from asking about salary history](#)

### ILLINOIS ENERGY

- [State Officials launch Driving a Cleaner Illinois program](#)
  - [STATE OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY: Gov. Rauner launches the Driving a Cleaner Illinois program](#)
- [Appeals court: IL doesn't usurp feds' power by making coal, gas burners subsidize Illinois nuke plants](#)

### ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ENDORSEMENT

- [Rauner speaks at annual Chamber of Commerce luncheon](#)
- [Gov. Bruce Rauner nets endorsement from business groups, assails J.B. Pritzker on tax plan](#)
- [Candidates for Illinois Governor Face Off in First Debate](#)

### TARIFFS

- [US Chamber: \\$3.8 Billion Worth of Illinois Goods Threatened by Trade War](#)

### LEGISLATIVE RATINGS

- [Sharp split in Chamber ratings](#)
- [Rep. Wheeler named "Champion of Free Enterprise" by Illinois Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Rooney named outstanding freshman senator by Illinois Chamber](#)
- [Senator recognized for supporting state's business climate](#)
- [Rep. Bourne Receives Chamber of Commerce's Champion of Free Enterprise Award](#)
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- [Bivins named 'Champion of Free Enterprise' by state chamber](#)
- [Trio of local lawmakers recognized for pro-business voting record](#)
- [Bivins named 'Champion of Free Enterprise' by state chamber](#)
- [Illinois Chamber names McCombie outstanding freshman representative](#)
- [Rep. Demmer honored for job creation voting record](#)
- [Wheeler named 'Champion of Free Enterprise' by Illinois Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE MEIER: Rep. Meier Receives Champion of Free Enterprise Award from Illinois Chamber](#)
- [State Rep. Brian Stewart honored for job voting record](#)