

**EXPOSURE:** The Illinois Chamber covers the entire state of Illinois, and multiple sectors, so we have a tremendous reach. The connections can be strategic, and you have the opportunity to connect with many types of companies, individuals and organizations throughout the state and beyond.

**ACCESS:** You have access to elected officials at the state and national level through the Illinois Chamber.

**FULL-TIME BUSINESS ADVOCACY:** Our goal is to promote a pro-business agenda and defeat anti-business legislation, regulations, and rules. The Chamber employs seven full-time business lobbyists. They have a pulse on what is happening in Springfield, and what will impact your company. The services and expertise they provide are top notch-to hire a contract lobbyist cost a considerable amount more. We provide those services for a fraction of the cost. We are here to focus on what's happening and advocate so you can concentrate on your business.

**INFLUENCE:** As a member, you can participate in our Government Affairs Council and have a direct voice in the development and recommendation of policy statements.

**RESOURCES:** Our publications and resources keep you up to date on member news, employment law issues and other topics of importance to Illinois businesses.

- Electronic Publications – President's Message, Government Affairs Report and Illinois Business Leader Magazine
- HR Helpline – Answers to important HR, labor law and compliance questions
- Illinois Business Leader Magazine – Quarterly print and online publication of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- Legislative Summary and Scorecard after each General Assembly
- State Chamber Alerts – Urgent policy information emailed to you as soon as you need to know about it

**INVOLVEMENT:** Receive invitations to participate in governmental affairs briefings, programs and legislative coalition activities.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Invitations to "Members Only" events, such as our Annual Meeting each summer in Chicago, meetings with government leaders and special events held throughout the state.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** We offer our members the first opportunities for sponsorship exposure for our signature events.

**EDUCATION:** Conferences, seminars and webinars are offered at a discount to Illinois Chamber members, and continued learning credits within our Tax Institute.

**EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP:** Our board is made up of men and women from small and medium sized businesses as well as large corporations throughout Illinois' diverse business

**AMICUS BRIEFS:** The Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Amicus Briefs Program is led by Doug Darch, Partner with Baker McKenzie and Keith Staats, Executive Director of Illinois Chamber's Tax Institute. The program is an important way to bring attention to a specific case by providing additional information for the court to consider. It is crucial for Chamber members to know about this program and support it.

**BUSINESS SERVICES:** The Chamber's Business Services Division provides a broad array of programs with a unique perspective that other providers can't match. Member employees who participate in Chamber programs not only return to work with the knowledge to comply with regulations and anticipate emerging trends, but also gain insight into the thinking and tendencies of regulators and policymakers.



## ILLINOIS CHAMBER POLICY COUNCILS

- Tax Institute
- Technology Council
- Healthcare Council
- International Business Council
- Energy Council
- Infrastructure Council
- Employment Law Council
- HR Membership Plus
- Environment