



# Illinois Reform Commission

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### REFORM COMMISSION TO HEAR FROM TOP STATE LEADERS ON EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS

*Panel includes Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett*

**CHICAGO (April 8, 2009)** – The Illinois Reform Commission (IRC) will hold its next public hearing in Chicago, Illinois:

**TIME:** Thursday, April 9, 2009 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Chicago Bar Association  
321 S. Plymouth Court  
Chicago, IL 60604

The Commission will address the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute public corruption cases, as well as the role of the State Inspectors General in combating public corruption.

“Serious ethics reform in Illinois will require not only more stringent laws, but vigorous and renewed enforcement of the laws already on the books,” said IRC Chairman Patrick Collins. “As we continue our focused review in advance of our 100 day deadline, we are pleased to have so many knowledgeable state leaders address our Commission on this very important topic.”

The following individuals (listed alphabetically) are expected to address the Commission:

- Joe Birkett, DuPage County State's Attorney
- Jack Blakey, Chief of Special Prosecutions, Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- Jim Burns, Inspector General, State of Illinois Office of Secretary of State
- Tom Jordan, Deputy Director, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
- Lisa Madigan, Attorney General, State of Illinois
- Michael Newman, Associate Director, AFSCME Council 31
- Pat Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois
- Scott Turow, Author; Partner, Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP
- James Wright, Executive Inspector General, State of Illinois

Members of the public and media are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information about the Commission, please visit <http://www.reformillinoisnow.org/meetings.php>.

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