

**FIRST CHAIR AWARDS – AMERICA’S “OSCAR” AWARDS**  
**FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL -- TO BE PRESENTED**  
**TO MORE THAN 70 LAWYERS AT GIBSON’S ON AUGUST 31**

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CHICAGO, IL – August 29, 2011 – More than 300 attorneys from around the country will attend the inaugural First Chair, LLC, awards program at Gibson Bar & Steakhouse at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31. The event will honor more than 70 in-house counsels who have made significant contributions to the legal community nationwide.

Attorneys from some of the country’s most recognized companies will be honored. Among them are Dell, Motorola Mobility, Chevron, General Electric, Accenture, Macy’s and Verizon Wireless. A number of local lawyers will also be honored from such companies as Sara Lee, Navistar, Kaplan Higher Education, Sears and Harris N.A.

Local attorney and entrepreneur Jennifer Levin has spent the last 10 months making the First Chair awards concept a reality.

“When we came up with the idea of First Chair, we had no idea it would be so overwhelmingly positive,” said Levin. “We are so pleased that it has been such a success and can serve as a motivator for professionals in the legal field.”

First Chair will produce a magazine early next year, featuring editorial profiles of the winners and articles on issues pertaining to both in-house and private practice attorneys.

Sponsors for First Chair, include Quislex, Ungaretti & Harris, Polsinelli Shugart, Greenberg Traurig, Kaye Scholer, Drinker Biddle, Clark Hill, McAndrews Held & Malloy, Gould and Ratner, Dykema, Schopf and Weiss, Stahl Cowen, Sedgwick and Wilson Eisler.

For a complete list of the award recipients or more information about First Chair, visit the First Chair website at [www.firstchairawards.com](http://www.firstchairawards.com).