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Education:

BA, University of Notre Dame
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Michael Seng is the co-executive director of The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center and Fair Housing Legal Clinic. He lectures nationally and publishes extensively on fair housing law.

Professor Seng also is the coordinator of The John Marshall Law School's Czech law program. He travels annually to the Czech Republic to teach and publishes articles, in English and Czech, in Czech law journals.

Prior to joining the John Marshall faculty, Professor Seng served as a judicial law clerk, was in private practice, and directed the legal services office in Cairo, Illinois. Professor Seng served as a Fulbright professor in Nigeria in 1983-84 and as a visiting professor in the Czech Republic in 1996. He writes on civil rights issues.

Professor Seng joined the faculty in 1976. He teaches Comparative Legal Systems, Constitutional Law, and Federal Courts.

1976 - Present

In addition to teaching, he has served as counsel in a number of cases in the state and federal courts. Most of these cases have involved constitutional or public law issues, including a number of civil rights cases. Co-counsel in a suit attacking the Illinois Residential Picketing Statute as violative of the First Amendment, *Carey v. Brown*, 447 U.S. 455 (1980), and in an appeal to the Supreme Court on the validity of a referendum under the Equal Protection Clause, *City of Cuyahoga Falls v. Buckeye Community Hope Foundation* (2003), and in Voting Rights Act suits against the Cook County judiciary and the City of Chicago Heights, Illinois.





Boards and Community Organizations:

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, 1987-1995
- Member of the State of Illinois Residential Mortgage Board, which is an advisory board to the Director of the Illinois Division of Banks and Real Estate under the Office of Office of Professional Regulation, since 1997. President since 2002.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Higher Education, which awards scholarships to Americans and Canadians of Czech and Slovak ancestry, since 1997. President since 2005.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Community Nutrition Network, which administers the Meals on Wheels Program for Cook County, Illinois, since 2004.
- Member of Advisory Board for L'Arche, which provides housing for disabled adults, since 2005.
- Treasurer, the Hattie Kendrick Scholarship Fund, which provides a scholarship to a graduating senior from the Cairo, Illinois High School in honor of a Cairo teacher and civil rights leader.

Fragments from his work:

Publications: Books

Eyewitness Testimony - Strategies and Tactics (West Pub. Co. 1984, 2d edition 2003 and Annual Supp.) (with William K. Carroll).

Publications: Chapters in Books

Chapter, "Legal Protection Against Discrimination in Housing in the United States," Pocta Valdislavu Davidovi (ed. Czech Supreme Court Justice Ludvik David, Olomouc University, Czech Republic 2007)

Chapter, "Discrimination in Housing," *Advising Elderly Clients and Their Families*, (Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2000, 2006) (with F. Willis Caruso).

Publications: Booklets

A Layperson's Guide to the Fair Housing Laws (1995, 1998, 2001, 2005) (with F. Willis Caruso).

A Layperson's Guide to Mortgage Lending and Insurance Discrimination under the Fair Housing Laws (1997) (with F. Willis Caruso).

A Primer on Fair Housing Law (1992, 1996, 2001, 2007) (with F. Willis Caruso)

Attorney Forms Relevant to a Fair Housing Case (1992) (1996) (2002) (with F. Willis Caruso).

The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Testing Manual (1995, 1998, 2003) (with F. Willis Caruso and Lillian Seymore).





Publications: Articles

"The Effect of 'The War on Terrorism' on American Law," in Terrorism and the Law (ed. Martin Bohacek, Proceedings of International Conference published by The University of Public Administration and Law, Prague 2006)

"The Fair Housing Act and Religious Freedom," 11 Texas Journal of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights 1 (2005)

"Comment on Martin C. Abravanel's 'Public Knowledge of Fair Housing Law; Does It Protect Against Housing Discrimination?'" 13 Housing Policy Debate 515 (Fannie Mae Foundation) (2002)

"USA: Povolené k výkonu advokátní praxe" ("Admission of Lawyers to the Practice of Law in the United States"), 8 Bulletin of the Czech Chamber of Lawyers 94 (2002) (with Ann Melichar).

"The Legal Status of Aliens in the United States in the Aftermath of the September 11 Terrorist Attack," 2 Common Law Rev. 9 (Charles University, Czech Republic) (Spring 2002)

"Terrorismus a Právo," ("Terrorism and Law") 3 Casopis pro právní vědu a praxi, 233 (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) (2001)

"Aspects of the Common Law System in the United States," 1 Common Law Rev. 4, (Charles University, Czech Republic) (Autumn 2001)

Commentary - "Reflections on When 'We, the People' Kill," 34 The John Marshall Law Review 713 (2001).

