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**CHIEF JUSTICE MCMORROW TO RECEIVE CARDINAL BERNARDIN
AWARD**

Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow of the Supreme Court of Illinois will be presented with the annual Cardinal Bernardin Award by the Chicago Legal Clinic at a ceremony and dinner Friday, May 2 in Chicago.

The award is given annually in the memory of the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to a person who promotes the ideals of social justice and who stands for the principle, so often enunciated by the late Cardinal, that we are indeed our brother's keeper, according to Edward Grossman, executive director and co-founder of Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.

The award will be presented to Chief Justice McMorrow by His Excellency Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, president and co-founder of the Chicago Legal Clinic.

The evening in the Red Lacquer Room of the Palmer House at State and Monroe Streets in Chicago will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., an awards ceremony around 6:20 with dinner to follow.

The event also serves as the annual fund-raising dinner for the Chicago Legal Clinic, which was founded in 1981 after Bishop Paprocki and Mr. Grossman completed studies for their J.D. degree from the College of Law at DePaul University. The clinic staffs four offices in South Chicago, Pilsen, Austin and downtown Chicago.

When she was voted by her colleagues on the Court to become Chief Justice last September, Chief Justice McMorrow became the first woman to head any branch of government in Illinois.

From the time she was the only woman in her graduating class at Loyola University School of Law in 1953, her career has been one of pioneering opportunities for women in the law. She was the first woman to prosecute major criminal cases in the Cook County State's Attorney's office; the first woman to serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Appellate Court; and the first woman elected to the Illinois Supreme Court.