

**Giacomo A. Pecoraro**  
**Attorney at Law**

G. A. “Jack” Pecoraro, a 37-year public safety veteran, is retired from his position as Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police where he oversaw the day-to-day executive, administrative and operational aspects of the association. Since 2005, he has served as a founding Commissioner on the Criminal Law Edit and Realignment Commission (CLEAR). A private organization, comprised of government officials, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys, dedicated to rewriting the Criminal and Sentencing Codes of Illinois

Prior to serving as Executive Director, he served as Deputy Director of the Administrative Services Division of the Illinois Department of Corrections. At IDOC, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Statewide Records Office, Grants Management Unit, Research and Planning Unit, Telecommunications Unit, Radio Communications Unit, Management Information System, Capital Programs Unit, Illinois Corrections Industry, Chaplaincy Unit, Volunteer Services Unit, Headquarters’ Grounds, and Office of Technology. Additionally, he served as Director of Staff, Development and Training at the IDOC Academy. While at IDOC, he served as President of the Illinois Corrections Employees Memorial Association. Preceding his assignment to the Administrative Services Division, he served as Chief of the Office of Communications and oversaw all publishing protocols and press relations.

From 1990 to 1999 he served as Director of the Illinois Secretary of State Police and Special Assistant for Public Safety. As director, he oversaw the agency’s sworn and civilian contingency’s regulatory and enforcement activities which included all facets of the automobile industry operations, drivers’ license enforcement, vehicle registrations, commercial business regulatory enforcement and security for the state capitol and other state buildings and the Inspector General’s Bureau of Professional Standards.

He has served on numerous state commissions, boards and committees overseeing state budgets, legislation, and technology at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; the Illinois Attorney General’s Victim Witness Advisory Board; the Illinois Integrated Justice Committee, the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Board, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, Illinois Police Training and Standards Board; and, the Illinois State Police Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems Policy Advisory Board. He served as a founding member and Vice Chairman of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council.

Prior to his state appointments, he served 8 years as the Chief Counsel for the Springfield Police Department and supervised the department’s Legal Advisors Section. Additionally, he served as Chief Administrator and Counsel for the City Liquor Control Commission and Counsel for the Office of Business Licensing.

He served as a member of the Chicago Police Department from 1971 to 1984. While at CPD, he served in the Patrol Division and on the Superintendent's Staff in the Research, Development and Data Systems Division. He was an original member of the department's Office of Legal Affairs and an instructor in the CPD Academy's Criminal Law Unit.

He is past General Chairman of the Legal Officers Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and twice has been selected to serve as the International's Parliamentarian. He is an active member of the International's Legislative Committee and Legal Officer's Section, having been selected by the Section to serve on the NLECTC subcommittee on Less Lethal Weaponry and Policy.

He has lectured on a variety of public safety topics for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is a member of the Association's Center for Advanced Police Studies. He has lectured at Northwestern University Traffic Institute, the Florida Institute for Police Training and Management, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; the Illinois Police Training and Standards Board's state certified training academies and Mobile Training Units, and the Illinois State Police Academy. He has also served as the Chairman of the state Training Board's Use of Force Policy Review Committee and as the Vice Chairman of the High Speed Pursuit Review Committee.

As a member of the Illinois Chiefs, he has served the organization as Chairman of the Law Committee, the Labor Management Committee and Parliamentarian and Legal Advisor for the Association. Additionally, he served as a member of the Traffic and Legislation Committees.

He is an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois where he serves as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He also serves as a faculty and founding member of the IIT-Chicago Kent Law School's Public Sector Labor Advisory Board and Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, he is President of the Illinois Public Safety Center and Museum; and, Executive Legal Counsel to the Law Enforcement Foundation of Illinois and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System.

Attorney Pecoraro has received numerous certifications in public safety studies and is a 1977 graduate of Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois with a BGSc. in Engineering Sciences, a 1982 Juris Doctorate recipient from the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, and a 1985 graduate of the FBI National Law Institute. He is a life member of both the Illinois and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.