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Mr. Schmidt worked as a part-time law enforcement officer while in college and law school (1961-66). Under a Ford Foundation grant and fellowship, he completed postgraduate legal studies at the *Police Legal Advisor Program* of Northwestern University, and also served as a part-time legal advisor to the Chicago Police Dept. Intelligence Division (1967-68) and the Gary, Indiana chief of police (1968-70).

In 1968 he became the Operating Director of the Police Legal Advisor Program, which in 1970 was relocated from the university to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). As a Supervising Attorney on the professional staff, he directed the IACP Police Legal Center from 1970-73. He founded an association of police attorneys in 1968 which became the IACP Legal Officers Section in 1971.

He joined the staff of AELE in 1973 as Associate Director, and became Executive Director in 1978.

He received a Master of Laws degree from Northwestern University (1974) where he concentrated on law enforcement legal issues. He earned the Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University School of Law (1966), a Bachelor of Arts in economics and government from the University of New Mexico (1964), and a Diploma in English and Comparative Law from London Metropolitan University [then the City of London College] (1963). He is a member of the Bars of the States of Illinois, New Mexico, New York and the District of Columbia.

He has written, coauthored or edited more than 100 *amicus curiae* briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States, and dozens of *amicus* briefs in other appellate courts. He is coauthor of *Introduction to Criminal Evidence*, in multiple editions (since 1977). He is editor of the monthly *Fire, Police and Corrections Personnel Reporter* (since 1975) and supervises the publication of three other AELE monthly periodicals.

His articles have appeared in *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, *Police Chief*, *Sheriff*, *Fire Chief*, the *Urban Lawyer*, the *Prosecutor*, *Public Management* and the *Journal of Police Science and Administration*.

Mr. Schmidt is a charter member of the IACP Committee on Professional Standards, Image and Ethics and served as Vice-Chairman of the IACP Legislative Committee for twenty years. He also serves as the Senior Legal Advisor to the Illinois Assn. of Chiefs of Police and as Associate Editor of the *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, a scholarly journal published bimonthly by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board and Western Illinois University.