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Peter Birnbaum reappointed as Chief Justice as Chief Justice of the Illinois Court of Claims

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Governor Bruce Rauner has reappointed Peter Birnbaum, president and CEO of ATG, to a six-year term on the Illinois Court of Claims.

Birnbaum has been a judge on the Court since 2004 and Chief Justice since 2015. He will retain his role at ATG and continue as one of seven judges on the Court of Claims.

They are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Illinois Senate.

"I am honored by Governor Rauner's continuing confidence in me to lead and serve on a court that plays an integral role in determining the rights and responsibilities of the state and its citizens," Birnbaum said.

During his tenure, he has provided leadership for the court in a number of areas, for example, cases involving soldiers killed in the line of duty. He also has authored several significant opinions including a case involving a State Trooper who killed two young girls while he was texting and driving at reckless speeds.

In October 2015, Birnbaum received the Justice John Paul Stevens Award from the Chicago Bar Association. In October 2014, the Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, presented its 16th Annual Distinguished Award for Excellence to Birnbaum. In 2011, he was inducted as a laureate in the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois State Bar Association, for his lifetime of service to the public and the profession.

A past president of the alumni board and current member of the board of overseers for the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Birnbaum was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the college in 2004. In 2013, he was named one of the college's 125 Alumni of Distinction over its 125-year history for his outstanding professional and community service achievements. He was elected to the board of the American Land Title Association in 2009 and currently serves as treasurer.

Birnbaum joined ATG in 1981 and was named president and CEO in 1991.

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