

## Biography of Gary T. Johnson

Gary T. Johnson was named the eighth President of the Chicago History Museum in August 2005. Mr. Johnson is a lifelong Chicagoan and his passion for Chicago history is evident through his leadership at the Chicago History Museum, focusing on community outreach and strengthening the institution's financial capacity.

Visiting Chicago's grade schools with artifacts from the Museum's collection is a personal commitment for Johnson. So far, he has visited over 300 classrooms in neighborhoods throughout Chicago. "My desire for Chicagoans is not only to access our collections and programs, but also to experience their own Chicago story."

Mr. Johnson also serves as President of Museums in the Park, the association of eleven of Chicago's major museums, and he leads their Museums Work for Chicago campaign comprising fifteen cultural institutions.

He is the co-author with Russell Lewis of the book Lessons Learned in Non-Profit Management and Finance.

He was educated at Harvard University; Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar; M.A. Modern History); and Yale College (B.A. History and Political Science.) He serves as a District Secretary for the American Rhodes Scholarship selection process.

Mr. Johnson has a record of leadership in the civic arena, particularly in civil rights. From 2001-2003, he was co-chair of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a national civil rights organization, and currently is a member of its board of directors. From 1987-1996, he was a member of the board of directors of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, which offers free legal services to the poor. He was its president from 1994-1996.

Among his civic commitments in Chicago, he is a member of the Radio Committee of WFMT, which oversees Chicago's classical music station. He served as a member of the board of trustees of the Latin School of Chicago from 2009-2015. He also is a member of the Commercial Club of Chicago.

Mr. Johnson came to the Museum after 28 years as a lawyer and partner in the Chicago offices of two global law firms, Mayer Brown and Jones Day. Mr. Johnson is admitted to practice law in Illinois and New York and as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. As a solicitor, he also is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales.

He has served in the American Bar Association's governing body (the House of Delegates), where in 2000, he was the principal draftsman of a statement of ABA policy on ethics. For this work, he received the Presidential Commendation of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the American Law Institute and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and of the Illinois State Bar Association Foundation. He was president of the Chicago Council of Lawyers, a bar association in that city, from 1981 to 1983.

In court-related matters, he served as a member of the Special Commission on the Administration of Justice in Cook County, Illinois and as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Special Commission on the Administration of Justice and of the Criminal Justice Project of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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