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## Law school suits get thrown out

### Judge sides with John Marshall and IIT Chicago-Kent

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A Cook County judge dismissed lawsuits today that accused The John Marshall Law School and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law of publishing misleading statistics on jobs obtained by graduates.

The rulings by Circuit Judge Mary Lane Mikva in two separate suits were reported by lawyers and school officials involved.

Those two schools were among 14 law schools sued in recent months for allegedly misrepresenting and manipulating statistics about employment opportunities for law school graduates.

Three schools in Chicago — also including DePaul University College of Law — were all sued in February of this year by several graduates.

The plaintiffs are all represented by attorneys Edward X. Clinton and his son, Edward X. Clinton Jr.

Also representing the plaintiffs are two New York lawyers, David

Anziska and Jesse Strauss, who are leading 11 other similar lawsuits around the nation.

Cook County Associate Judge Neil H. Cohen dismissed the suit against DePaul University College of Law in September.

Edward Clinton Jr. wrote in an e-mail to the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin that he respects Mikva's ruling but plans to appeal.

"These cases raise important public policy questions and are extraordinarily relevant to the future of the legal profession and legal education," Clinton wrote.

John E. Corkery, dean of John Marshall, said Mikva told the court that Cohen's DePaul ruling was "such a good opinion that she was not going to write another."

"We're gratified at the dismissal and we believe this is the right result in this case," Corkery said.

Bruce R. Alper of Vedder, Price P.C., lead attorney for John Marshall, gave the following statement on behalf of that school:

"We are gratified that Judge Mikva, after extensive briefing and oral argument, agreed with us that this case should be dismissed. The ... ruling vindicates John Marshall's position that its reporting of post-graduate employment statistics did not violate the rights of any of our students. John Marshall



**John E. Corkery**

will continue its proud tradition of providing a quality education for its students and of preparing them to succeed in their careers and in life."

Jeanne Hartig, vice president of communications for the Illinois Institute of Technology, the parent school for IIT Chicago-Kent, said the school is pleased with the ruling.

"And from the very beginning, we believed the case did not have merit," Hartig said. "It's a good way to end the week. ... We are all very glad the decision went the way it did."

The lead lawyers representing IIT Chicago-Kent were Hal R. Morris and William T. Eveland of Arnstein & Lehr LLP.