

Illinois Appellate Court thumbs its nose at the IL Supreme Court – observe:

“Recently, an appellate court justice, in his dissent from the majority opinion in *Prewain v. Caterpillar Tractor Co.* (123 Ill. App. 3d 687, 463 N.E.2d 161 (3d Dist. 1984), aff’d, 108 Ill. 2d 141, 483 N.E.2d 204 (1985)), stated as follows:

In Roman days, it was common and accepted practice to divine life's mysteries and to foretell future events from an examination of the entrails of birds. Young noblemen were schooled in the art of translating entrails. No less a personage than Caesar Augustus, himself, was a practitioner of this art of augury. Nowadays, however, this art has passed into disuse. There are no practitioners trained to read chicken livers and other organs of bird viscera. Modernity, however, has brought us a substitute tool for divining mysteries and future trends. It is called the Illinois Supreme Court. While opinions as to its efficacy are not uniform, some say it is as reliable as bird entrails. Some say it is better. In any event, it is available to us and should not be ignored.” (*Prewain*, 123 Ill. App. 3d at 691, 463 N.E.2d at 164 (Heiple, J., dissenting))

Needless to say, this passage caught the Supreme Court's eye. However, the goal is not only to get our attention, but to do so without insulting the court.” [Editor's Note: Internal citations are manually reinserted in quote. Also, the “483 N.E.2d 204 (1985)” seems to be a typo, and may refer to 483 N.E.2d 224 (1985).]

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“Petitions for Leave to Appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court - It's Your Last Chance, so Make It Count,” by Hon. Justice William G. Clark, former Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, 35 DePaul L. Rev. 469 (1986). Available at: <http://via.Library.DePaul.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2173&context=law-review> and/or: