

1Q2024 Issues and Programs

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the definition of frivolous lawsuits. Example used was a riot causing a police officer's heart attack. A frivolous lawsuit is a lawsuit that is not founded on law or fact. There are federal and state of Illinois laws against such lawsuits. Order of protection discussed. The issue of Donald Trump's eligibility to be on the Colorado and Maine ballots will most likely be taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court as soon as Trump's legal team proceeds through the lower courts legal system. In the meantime the Supreme Court would most likely issue a stay order upon the lower court's decision. Therefore his name will stay on the ballot while the issue is being adjudicated.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/3/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Legal considerations of the case Trump v Anderson soon to be coming before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning Trump's eligibility to be on the Colorado primary ballot. The law that comes into play is the 14th Amendment, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States, which disqualifies a candidate for Federal office if he/she had taken a previous oath to support the Constitution and then had participated in an insurrection against the government. Complexity of the state by state election process was discussed. Some states have direct election, while others use an elector/caucus method.

Letters to Washington
Guest: John Nichols, correspondent for The Nation Magazine

1/9/2024

5:00am – 6:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the appeals process. The issue of the day is testimony required of Donald Trump, who claims he has permanent immunity from testifying. While Presidents in the past have asserted immunity, it was only in effect while they were in office. The argument was that immunity was necessary for a President to receive open and frank discussions from others. But after their term expires, that argument for immunity can no longer be made. However the court decides, Mr. Sullivan believes the judgment will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. On another topic, how the new cashless bail process was working out was discussed. Mr. Sullivan believes it has been implemented smoother than expected.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/10/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Public Safety

Discussion of issue: Judge and former prosecutor Joe McGraw, candidate for the 17th Congressional district discussed issues that the electorate have brought to his attention. Rampant crime, disrespect for the law and law enforcement and crimes of violence against law enforcement. He voiced concern about immigrants coming over the border bringing fentanyl, human trafficking, and violence. Candidate McGraw said the new cashless bail process take discretion away from Judges and Prosecutors, which results in offenders being released only to re-offend. It creates excess court appearances and ties the hands of Sheriffs.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Judge Joe McGraw

1/16/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the various classifications when a crime results in a death. Capitol murder, First degree murder, Second degree homicide, involuntary manslaughter, aggravated DUI with a fatality. For a person younger than 18, the sentence can not be longer than 40 years. Accessory to murder discussed, for instance, hearing a rumor at work does not qualify. Hard factual evidence is necessary to prove someone is an accessory.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/17/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Economy: Peoria Development

Discussion of issue: Councilman Chuck Grayeb was pleased to share the news of a major redesign of the two main arteries for traffic downtown, that being Adams and Jefferson streets. He mentioned that more people are moving to and living in downtown as Peoria is turning ever so slightly back to being an urban center. In total, the project will cost \$18.9 M over 2.5 years. Representative Grayeb mentioned the new restaurants springing up all over downtown. He also noted that Peoria was becoming a well rounded center with commercial, legal, medical, entertainment and dining venues.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Chuck Grayeb 2nd Dist Peoria City Council

1/19/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the Supreme Court's ruling against Texas putting up razor wire on the Mexico border. He stressed that the high court makes its rulings based upon its interpretation of the applicable laws. He noted that the high court only accepts about one per cent of all the cases it receives for consideration. He then briefly outlined the process of how a case is adjudicated.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/24/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Maryland Regents University Law Professor Mark A. Graber is the author of many books concerning the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. His latest book “Punish Treason, Reward Loyalty” concerns Section 3 which disqualifies a candidate for Federal office if he/she had taken a previous oath to support the Constitution and then had participated in an insurrection against the government. It was put into place after the Civil War to prevent former slaveholders from undoing what was gained by the Civil War. On the basis of the facts, Mr. Graber believes Trump to be ineligible, yet conceded that the Supreme Court could rule otherwise for various reasons.

Letters to Washington
Guest: Mark A. Graber, Law Prof. Maryland Regents University

2/6/2024

5:00am – 6:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Tomorrow, oral arguments in the case of Trump v Anderson will be presented before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning Trump's eligibility to be on the Colorado primary ballot. The law that comes into play is the 14th Amendment, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States, which disqualifies a candidate for Federal office if he/she had taken a previous oath to support the Constitution and then had participated in an insurrection against the government. Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan believes much attention will be given to the nature of the questions being asked by the justices and who is making the questions. By Friday the justices will convene and take a vote. The Chief Justice will assign who writes the opinion for the majority and who writes the opinion for the minority, if it is not unanimous.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

2/7/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Public Safety

Discussion of issue: Judge and former prosecutor Joe McGraw, candidate for the 17th Congressional district discussed issues that the electorate have brought to his attention. Rampant crime, disrespect for the law and law enforcement and crimes of violence against law enforcement. He voiced concern over open border policies allowing immigrants in bringing fentanyl, human trafficking, and violence. He said he would make border security his number one priority. Candidate McGraw called attention to how inflation is making it harder for middle class families to make ends meet. He believes people will vote their pocketbook this November.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Judge Joe McGraw

2/8/2024

8:30am – 9:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Oral arguments in the case of Trump v Anderson are being presented before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning Trump's eligibility to be on the Colorado primary ballot. The law that comes into play is the 14th Amendment, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States, which disqualifies a candidate for Federal office if he/she had taken a previous oath to support the Constitution and then had participated in an insurrection against the government. Arguments were presented concerning the “self executing” nature of the Amendment. Also presented before the court was that Congress and the Courts have ceded over to the states immense authority over defining their ballots. Complexity of the state by state election process was discussed. Some states have direct election, while others use an elector/caucus method. Host Mitch Jeserich as well as guest John Nichols both sensed from the Supreme Court Justices that a ruling against the Colorado Court most likely and that it is Congress' role to decide who is an insurrectionist and who is not.

Letters to Washington

2/9/2024

5:00am – 6:00am

Guest: John Nichols, correspondent for The Nation Magazine

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Breakfast with Roger & Friends

2/12/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the new cashless bail. Some judges say it is ineffective and takes away judicial discretion. It presents “all or nothing” solutions.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

2/14/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the legal duties, responsibilities, and legal obligations of a board of directors. However, the board is concerned with the broader scope and direction of an organization, not the day to day activities. The “appearance of impropriety” was discussed.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

2/28/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Of the many lawsuits that involve former President Donald Trump, Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan believes the most difficult one will be the mishandling and attempt to keep some and destroy other secret documents. On the case of the improper real estate valuations, Sullivan believes that will be reversed on appeal along with others.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/6/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed the statute of limitations pertaining to various offenses, criminal as well as civil.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/13/2024

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan believes the penalty in the E. Jean Carroll v. Donald J. Trump sexual assault civil lawsuit was excessive and will be amended on appeal. The various state appeals process and subsequent Supreme Court appeals process was discussed.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/20/2024

7:30am – 8:00am