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John Wank, NCG Awarded Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award

During the National Guardianship Association's Annual Conference in Hershey, Pa., John Wank, NCG, received the Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award. One of the highest honors bestowed by the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC), the award recognizes the recipient's significant contributions to CGC and the promotion of guardianship certification.

Wank served as a past President of the National Guardianship Association and is currently the President of the Illinois Guardianship Association. He is General Counsel and Deputy Director of Programs of the Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission. For years, he has been one of the presenters of the NGA's Legal Review pre-conference intensive.

In 2010, Wank was the chief proponent of the State of Illinois adopting mandatory certification through the CGC of Public Guardians. He has always promoted certification of the Illinois Office of State Guardian caseworkers and attorneys, which has one of the largest number of certified guardians in the country.

Wank was instrumental in the founding of both the National Guardianship Association and the Illinois Guardianship Association. In addition, he was a co-chair of both the 2008 and 2010 NGA Colloquiums.

According to nominator Fred Floreth, "I don't know how anyone could have done more than John Wank to deserve the Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award this past year. He deserves to be honored for his significant contributions to the CGC and promotion of the certification of guardians. "

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