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**Midwest Eye-Banks appoints Chicago attorney to Board of Directors**

ANN ARBOR – Susan Mozena, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Eye-Banks, has announced the appointment of Chicago attorney Peter J. Latz to Midwest’s Board of Directors.

Latz has an extensive history with the Illinois Eye-Bank, a division of Midwest Eye-Banks located in downtown Chicago. He currently serves on the Illinois Eye-Bank’s Advisory Council and, in the 1980s, he served as an Eye-Bank volunteer.

“Peter can appreciate how far we’ve come,” says Charles Pivoney, Midwest’s Vice President, Illinois Operations. “Back when there was a long waiting list for corneal tissue, he was on call several nights per week and performed eye tissue recoveries.

“He’s well-informed about what our needs are. From clinical operations to development, he knows the business.”

Latz has been in private law practice since 1989. He is currently the sole owner and principal of a five-attorney firm, specializing in estate planning and planned giving. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, and is a member of the Fenwick Estate Planning Council. He resides in River Forest, Illinois.

The Illinois Eye-Bank has been helping to restore sight for nearly 60 years. It was the fourth organization of its kind, founded in 1947 at Cook County Hospital. In 1985, the Illinois and Michigan Eye-Banks joined to form the Midwest Eye-Banks and Transplantation Center, now known as Midwest Eye-Banks. The organization also covers central Illinois through its Watson Gailey division in Bloomington.

Midwest Eye-Banks, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a 501(c)(3) independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions, promotes donation awareness through public and professional education, and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of corneal transplantation throughout the world. For more information, visit the Midwest Eye-Banks online at [www.midwesteyebanks.org](http://www.midwesteyebanks.org) or call (800) 548-4703.