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#### Avvo.com Top-Rated Attorney in Illinois

**Attorney:** David Leibowitz

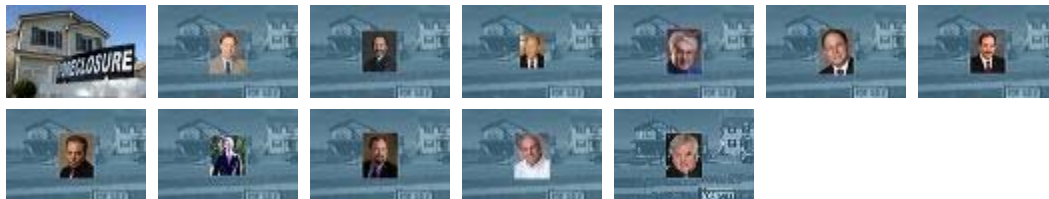
**Law Firm:** LakeLaw Bankruptcy Center, Chicago

**Education:** Loyola University School of Law, 1974

**Expertise:** Consumer bankruptcy, mortgage defense

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By Catherine Holahan

#### Finding Legal Advice

Foreclosures are through the roof—and so is demand for attorneys who can navigate the process. On Avvo.com, a site that lets users rate lawyers, searches for foreclosure attorneys have leaped eightfold in six months, says founder Mark Britton. One attorney who turns up a lot in those searches is Florida's Eric Appleton, who specializes in representing property owners and condo associations in disputes. "People are reaching out to the Internet and trying to find lawyers to defend them in foreclosures," Appleton says. This year, he says, his firm is being served with more mortgage foreclosures in a day than it received in months during 2007.

For those who may be looking for their legal advice in the event of a foreclosure, BusinessWeek.com asked Avvo for its highest-rated foreclosure attorneys. The site mined its database for those attorneys specializing in foreclosures and related real estate disputes who also earned Avvo's highest ranking, a 10 out of 10. The site weighs such areas as awards and judgments won, years practicing in a specific field, and lack of disciplinary action.

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