



Dan Proft, from Wheaton, Illinois, is a respected political commentator for WLS-AM890 radio in Chicago, a contributor to *Human Events*, *School Reform News*, and other conservative publications, and a successful small business owner. Dan is a regular guest on local and national public affairs shows where he has tackled a wide range of local, national and international public policy issues.

Dan has built a reputation for standing up to political bullies in Illinois from both parties whose policies have punished small business owners and families who play by the rules.

Dan has run numerous political campaigns and served in various leadership capacities in state and municipal government since 1994. Dan's breadth of experience in state and local government has given him a unique understanding of the way government operates at every level. Dan knows the system and has been a conservative thought leader and outspoken voice of reform for 15 years.

Dan founded a number of successful public affairs and strategic communications firms and publications. Beginning as a student at Northwestern University, Dan co-founded the *Northwestern Chronicle*, an independent campus newspaper still in existence today. In 2002, Dan and some fellow conservatives launched *IllinoisLeader.com*, an online publication that covered Illinois Politics and government with original news content and commentary. As a successful small business owner, Dan understands the hostile climate businesses face in Illinois, and he has been an outspoken advocate of business friendly policies in Illinois.

An Illinoisan all his life, Dan grew up in Wheaton, earned his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Among his civic pursuits, Dan serves as a Board member for the Illinois chapter of Operation Homefront, a non-profit whose mission is to provide assistance to active duty military families, particularly those with a spouse serving overseas.

Adoption and life issues are very close to Dan's heart. Dan has served on the Associate Board of The Cradle, an Evanston-based adoption agency. He is also the volunteer spokesman for the Choose Life License Plate initiative, designed to fund adoption-service providers through the sale of specialty license plates in Illinois. Dan is a member of the Seguin Services' 2008-2009 capital campaign to support adults and children with disabilities. Dan also coaches youth basketball in Cicero and Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood.