



The Chicago Temple Noteworthy and Long-Term Tenants

Clarence Darrow	Clarence Darrow opened a law office in the Chicago Temple in 1925 under the name of Darrow, Smith, Cronson & Smith. One of Darrow’s most famous cases in 1925 was the Scopes “monkey” trial in Dayton, Tennessee.
Leon Despres	Well-known independent alderman from Hyde Park who frequently battled with former Mayor Richard J. Daley, Leon Despres opened a law office (Despres & Lane) in the Chicago Temple in 1942. Originally located on the 14 th floor, the firm became Despres, Schwartz & Geoghegan in 1981 and moved to the 7 th floor in 1989. Despres died in 2009, but the practice still bears his name and is under the direction of Thomas Geoghegan.
Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.	In 1947, Ben’s Stamp and Coin moved into the Chicago Temple from a location on the north side of West Washington Street. In 1962, the store changed hands and became the Rare Coin Company of America (RARCOA) and in 1988, changed hands again to become Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. Besides the ground floor retail store, Harlan J. Berk has office and storage space on several upper floors of the Temple.
The Church Federation of Chicago	Organized in 1907 as an inter-denominational association interested in church federation, the Church Federation of Chicago (later the Church Federation of Greater Chicago) moved into the Chicago Temple in 1923 and remained there until 1962 when it purchased its own building at 116 South Michigan Avenue. The Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries, originally a ministry of the Federation, continues to operate from an office in the Chicago Temple.
Jones, Addington, Ames & Siebold	Specializing in intellectual property, the Jones, Addington, Ames & Siebold firm moved into the Chicago Temple in 1923 and remained on the 20 th floor until it disbanded in the early 1990s. By then, it was known as Neuman, Williams, Anderson & Olson.
Sonnenschein, Berkson, Lautmann & Levinson	The Sonnenschein law firm moved into the Temple in 1923 and had an office on the 19 th floor until it moved into the Brunswick Building in the 1960s. At that time, it was known as Sonnenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Nath & Rosenthal.
Chicago Area Bishop of The Methodist Episcopal Church	The Bishop overseeing the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (today’s Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church), moved into the Chicago Temple in 1924. From 1992 to 2002, the Bishop’s office was located at 8765 West Higgins Road in Chicago, but returned to the Temple in 2002. The Bishop continues to maintain an office in the Temple.