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Rev. Mousin served as the University Ombuds at DePaul University from 2001–2023. He received his B.S. cum laude from Johns Hopkins University, his J.D. with honors from the University of Illinois, and his M. Div. from Chicago Theological Seminary. He joined the College of Law faculty in 1990, and served as the Executive Director of the Center for Church/State Studies until 2003, and co-director from 2004–2007. He co-founded the Center’s Interfaith Family Mediation Program. He also co-founded DePaul College of Law’s Asylum and Immigration Legal Clinic and its Technical Assistance program. He is a founding member of the DePaul Migration Collaborative.

In addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Law, he has taught in DePaul’s Grace School for Applied Diplomacy, Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Program, School for New Learning, the Religious Studies Department and Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies program in DePaul’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He has also taught Immigration Law and Policy at the University of Illinois College of Law and also teaches a course on the Bible and immigration law as an adjunct faculty at Chicago Theological Seminary.

Rev. Mousin began practicing labor law at Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson in 1978. In 1984, he founded and directed the Midwest Immigrant Rights Center, a provider of legal assistance to refugees which has since become the National Immigrant Justice Center. He also directed legal services for Travelers & Immigrants Aid between 1986 and 1990.



Rev. Mousin was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1989. He has served as an Associate Pastor at Wellington Avenue U.C.C. and was one of the founding pastors of the DePaul Ecumenical Gathering (1996-2001). He now serves on Wellington's Immigrant Justice Task Force. Rev. Mousin is a Life Trustee of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is member of the Leadership Council of the National Immigrant Justice Center, a member of the Leadership Council of the Marjorie Kovler Center for Survivors of Torture, a member of the Board of the Eco-Justice Collaborative, and a former President and Board member of the Immigration Project of Downstate Illinois. He is a current member of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Ombuds Committee. He previously served on the Illinois Equal Justice Project of the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations. In 1986, he was a recipient of the Chicago Bar Foundation's Maurice Weigle Award. In 2009, DePaul University presented him with the Spirit of DePaul award. In 2013, the Immigration Project of Downstate Illinois recognized him with the Gleaner of Justice Award. The University of Illinois College of Law honored him with its 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2023, his wife, Chris Inserra and he received the Robert H. Kirschner Award for Global Activism from the Kovler Center for Survivors of Torture.

