



**ILLINOIS STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION**

**2016 GENERAL ELECTION**

**Judicial Candidates Seeking to Fill Vacancies**

**Appellate Court – First District - Epstein vacancy**

**EILEEN O’NEILL BURKE - QUALIFIED**

Eileen O’Neill Burke was elected to the Circuit Court in 2008, retained in 2014 and currently sits in the Law Division on the Commercial Call. Since becoming a judge, she has served various courts of the First Municipal District until joining the Law Division in 2013. Before election to the bench, she had been in private practice after first starting out in the State’s Attorney’s Office. Judge Burke gets high marks from attorneys for her legal knowledge and ability. She has written over 300 opinions on different motions and legal issues and handles a high volume court call. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Eileen O’Neill Burke **Qualified** for election to the Appellate Court.

**Appellate Court – First District - Quinn vacancy**

**BERTINA E. LAMPKIN – HIGHLY QUALIFIED**

Bertina E. Lampkin has been sitting on the Appellate Court by appointment since 2009. She was elected to the Circuit Court in 1992 after serving as an Associate Judge for five years. Prior to her appointment to the bench she had worked for the State’s Attorney’s Office and the City of Chicago’s Department of Law, gaining experience in both criminal and civil litigation. Before her appointment to the Appellate Court, she has been assigned to the felony trial Courts at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, where she was considered to be a knowledgeable and hardworking judge.

On the Appellate Court she receives high marks for her legal knowledge and her diligence. She issues written opinions in a timely manner that are well thought out, and she is always prepared for oral arguments. She is also a member of various Supreme Court Committees. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Bertina E. Lampkin **Highly Qualified** for election to the Appellate Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Biebel vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**JOHN FITZGERALD LYKE, JR. - QUALIFIED**

John Fitzgerald Lyke, Jr. was admitted to practice in 1994. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in July 2015. Prior to his appointment, he was a sole practitioner concentrating in criminal defense and an Administrative Hearing Officer for the City of Chicago – Department of Business Affairs and Licensing. In his earlier career, he was an Assistant State’s Attorney. He is considered to have good legal knowledge and ability with a sufficient background in litigation. The Illinois State Bar Association finds John Fitzgerald Lyke **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Elrod vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**ROSSANA PATRICIA FERNANDEZ - QUALIFIED**

Rosanna Patricia Fernandez was admitted to practice in 1997. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in February 2015. Before her appointment, she was in private practice doing personal injury litigation. She has substantial trial experience with good legal ability and temperament. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Rossana Patricia Fernandez is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Hogan vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**ALISON C. CONLON - QUALIFIED**

Alison C. Conlon was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2015. She was admitted to practice in 2000, and after a stint as a law clerk to Federal Judge Charles Kocoras, she did tort and commercial litigation for two firms: Wildman Harrold and Barnes and Thornburg. She was a partner in both firms and handled some pro bono cases. She receives high praise for her intelligence, diligence and temperament, and litigated some complex cases. She served on the hearing board for the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and has been active in bar association activities. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Alison C. Conlon **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Howlett vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**ALEKSANDRA “ALEX” GILLESPIE - QUALIFIED**

Aleksandra Gillespie was admitted to practice in 1993. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014. Prior to her appointment she was a prosecutor with the State’s Attorney’s Office prosecuting felonies as a First Chair. She has substantial jury and bench trial and motion experience in complex cases. As a prosecutor, she was considered to be an excellent litigator, always prepared and professional. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Aleksandra “Alex” Gillespie **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Johnson vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**CAROLYN J. GALLAGHER - QUALIFIED**

Carolyn J. Gallagher was admitted to practice in 1982. She is a sole practitioner with a varied commercial, real estate and appellate litigation practice, on both the state and federal level. She receives

high marks for her legal knowledge and is considered an excellent writer and researcher. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Carolyn J. Gallagher **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – Karnezis vacancy – all ballots**

**MARY KATHLEEN MCHUGH - QUALIFIED**

Mary Katherine McHugh was admitted to practice in 1993. She is in private practice as a partner at Parrillo Weiss LLC, specializing in personal injury and subrogation cases with some appellate work. She has substantial civil litigation experience and is respected for her legal knowledge, diligence and professionalism. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Mary Kathleen McHugh **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – Love vacancy – all ballots**

**BRENDAN A. O'BRIEN - QUALIFIED**

Brendan A. O'Brien has been licensed since 1996. He is a partner at Hinshaw and Culbertson focusing on insurance defense and medical malpractice cases. He has considerable litigation experience and is considered to be a good and diligent attorney. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Brendan A. O'Brien **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – O'Brien vacancy – all ballots**

**MAUREEN O'DONOUGHUE HANNON - QUALIFIED**

Maureen O'Donoughue Hannon was admitted to practice in 1991. She is a supervisor for the State's Attorney's Office in the Conflict Counsels Unit, where she defends Cook County offices, officials and employees in state and federal litigation. She handles complex matters and is considered knowledgeable and diligent with unquestioned integrity. She has been involved in some bar association activities. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Maureen O'Donoughue Hannon **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – Palmer vacancy – all ballots**

**SUSANA L. ORTIZ - QUALIFIED**

Susana L. Ortiz was admitted to practice in 2001. She is a staff attorney at the Kent College of Law Legal Clinic, where she handles criminal defense cases and supervises law students. She has substantial trial and other litigation experience in complex matters and is reported to be a well-prepared, knowledgeable litigator with a good command of the law. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Susana L. Ortiz **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – Ruscitti-Grussel vacancy – all ballots**

**DANIEL PATRICK DUFFY - QUALIFIED**

Daniel Patrick Duffy has been licensed in Illinois since 1995. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014 after a career in private practice with a background in civil litigations, insurance defense, and defense of claims against municipalities, with some appellate experience. Attorneys who have appeared

before Judge Duffy consider him to be very bright and hardworking. They report that he is respectful and impartial, and his courtrooms run efficiently and fairly.

Judge Duffy has been involved with both state and federal litigation over a failed business venture that resulted in the U.S. Court of Appeals issuing sanctions for what the Court termed was a frivolous appeal. The matter is apparently in the process of being settled. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Daniel Patrick Duffy **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – Walsh vacancy – all ballots</b>
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**PATRICK JOSEPH POWERS - QUALIFIED**

Patrick Joseph Powers has been licensed since 1987. He is a sole practitioner in the areas of domestic relations, real estate and criminal defense. He has some litigation experience and is a respected family law litigator known for his knowledge and diligence. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Patrick Joseph Powers **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 1<sup>st</sup> Subcircuit – Brim vacancy</b>
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**JESSE OUTLAW - QUALIFIED**

Jesse Outlaw was admitted to practice in 1980. He has primarily been a solo practitioner handling bankruptcy, real estate, divorce, and probate matters. He also received Guardian Ad Litem appointments in the Probate Division. In addition, he represents some government agencies. He receives positive marks for his legal knowledge and ability, professionalism and diligence. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Jesse Outlaw **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 1<sup>st</sup> Subcircuit – Hopkins vacancy</b>
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**RHONDA CRAWFORD – NOT RECOMMENDED**

Rhonda Crawford declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Ms. Crawford **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court, pursuant to its guidelines.

**MARYAM AHMAD - QUALIFIED – (Write-In Candidate)**

Maryam Ahmad was admitted to practice in 2000. Prior to being appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2014, she had worked in private practice and for both the Cook County Public Defender and the State's Attorney's Office. In her private practice she specialized in criminal defense with some employment law. She received positive marks for her legal knowledge and ability, and considerable litigation experience. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Maryam Ahmad **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 2<sup>nd</sup> Subcircuit – Savage vacancy</b>
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**D. RENEE JACKSON – NOT RECOMMENDED**

D. Renee Jackson declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. The Illinois State Bar Association finds D. Renee Jackson **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court, pursuant to its guidelines.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 4<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Kunkle vacancy**

**EDWARD KING - QUALIFIED**

Edward J. King was admitted to practice in 1981. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014. Prior to his appointment, he worked as a sole practitioner doing personal injury, chancery, estates, and criminal defense. He also represented municipal entities and state agencies. He has substantial jury and bench litigation experience. He is considered to be a strong advocate with a collegial demeanor and high integrity. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Edward King **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 5<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Eadie-Daniels vacancy**

**LEONARD MURRAY – HIGHLY QUALIFIED**

Leonard Murray was admitted to practice in 1974. He was elected as associate judge in 2007, assigned to the First Municipal Division presiding over jury trials. Prior to his selection as an associate judge, he had been in private practice handling a wide variety of cases with a number of jury trials and some appellate work. He is well-respected for his knowledge and receives generally positive remarks as a judge. In his prior assignment hearing forcible entry and detainer cases, he was praised for his ability to manage a high-volume call with many pro se litigants. He has been involved in many bar association activities. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Leonard Murray **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 5<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Stuart vacancy**

**FREDDRENN M. LYLE - QUALIFIED**

Freddrenna M. Lyle was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1980. She was first appointed to the Circuit Court in 2011 and has subsequently been reappointed, most recently in 2014. She is assigned to the Elder Law Division. She was elected to the Chicago City Council in 1998 from the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and served for thirteen years. She had been in private practice and litigated in both state and federal courts. She is considered to be knowledgeable, efficient and a hard worker who knows and understand the law. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Freddrenna M. Lyle **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 5<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Williams-Hayes vacancy**

**DARYL JONES – NOT QUALIFIED**

Daryl Jones has been licensed since 2005. He is currently a member of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board and formerly was senior legal advisor and chief of Intergovernmental Affairs at the Illinois Department of Corrections. Prior to that he worked at the State's Attorney's Office. He is considered to be professional and well-prepared, and he has some litigation experience from his time as a prosecutor. Concerns are raised, however, over his lack of recent and complex litigation, and over the depth and breadth of his relatively brief legal career. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Daryl Jones **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 6<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Ponce de Leon vacancy**

**EULALIA “EVIE” DE LA ROSA - QUALIFIED**

Eulalia De La Rosa was admitted to practice in 2004. She has worked for the Public Defender’s Office for the past eleven years, and is currently assigned to the felony trial division. She has considerable jury and bench experience and is praised for her legal knowledge and ability. She is considered diligent and hard-working, with a good temperament, and is particularly commended for her ability to represent clients with mental health issues. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Eulalia “Evie” De La Rosa **Qualified** to election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 6<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Santiago vacancy**

**RICHARD C. COOKE - QUALIFIED**

Richard C. Cooke was admitted to practice in 1992. He is a solo practitioner and previously worked for a firm doing insurance defense and then for CNA Insurance as a trial attorney. He has handled contracts, personal injury cases, divorces, and business deals, including some complex litigation and transactional matters. He considered to be knowledgeable in his practice areas, professional and meticulous. He runs a self-funded pro bono legal clinic in conjunction with Casa Central, serving primarily a Hispanic clientele. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Richard C. Cooke **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 6<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Additional Judgeship A**

**ANNA LOFTUS - QUALIFIED**

Anna Loftus has been licensed since 1988. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014 and is currently assigned to Mortgage Foreclosures. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at Hall, Prangel and Schoonveld, concentrating on medical malpractice cases and appellate work. She has substantial litigation experience and as an attorney was well-regarded for her legal ability and hard work. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Anna Loftus **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 7<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Burrell vacancy**

**MARIANNE JACKSON – HIGHLY QUALIFIED**

Marianne Jackson was admitted to practice in 1973. She was elected an associate judge in 1997 and was appointed as a full judge to the Circuit Court in 2014. She has been assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division since 1999. She had previously served as a Deputy United States Attorney, including as Chief of the Criminal Division, and as a private criminal defense attorney. She is highly regarded for her legal knowledge and ability and has been widely praised for her involvement with diversion programs at Juvenile Court. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Marianne Jackson **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 7<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Rivkin-Carothers vacancy**

**PATRICIA “PAT” S. SPRATT - QUALIFIED**

Patricia S. Spratt has been licensed since 1991. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in September 2015. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at Taft Stettinus & Hollister LLP and previously was at Shefsky and Froelich, where she handled trial and appellate work. She has extensive litigation experience doing complex civil cases in both federal and state court, and is highly respected for her wide range of knowledge and legal experience. She has participated in bar association and community activities as well as writing and lecturing. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Patricia “Pat” S. Spratt **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County- 9<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Berman vacancy**

**JERRY ESRIG - QUALIFIED**

Jerry Esrig was admitted to practice in 1978. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2013 and subsequently reappointed. He currently sits in the First Municipal District. Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice doing commercial and personal injury cases. He has extensive trial experience in complex matters and has an impeccable reputation as an even-keeled, diligent and accomplished litigator. He also took pro bono cases. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Jerry Esrig **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 10<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Howard vacancy**

**EVE MARIE REILLY - QUALIFIED**

Eve Marie Reilly was admitted to practice in 1997. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014. Prior to her appointment, she had spent her legal career at the State’s Attorney’s Office where she obtained both trial court and appellate experience. She is considered to be hard-working and knowledgeable. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Eve Marie Reilly **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**Circuit Court – Cook County – 11<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Kelly vacancy**

**CATHERINE ANN SCHNEIDER - QUALIFIED**

Catherine Ann Schneider was admitted to the bar in 1994. She is currently a senior staff attorney for Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS), where she supervises staff attorneys providing free legal aid to low-income people. She also has done personal injury defense, commercial collections litigation and real estate work. She has an extensive background doing pro bono work. She has also published articles and worked as an arbitrator. She has sufficient litigation experience and is considered exceptionally smart with an excellent temperament. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Catherine Ann Schneider **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 11<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Zwick vacancy</b>
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**WILLIAM B. SULLIVAN - QUALIFIED**

William B. Sullivan was admitted to practice in 1992. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in June 2015. Prior to his appointment he was a sole practitioner concentrating in real estate and eviction cases, including some complex matters. As an attorney he was reported to be professional, diligent and experienced. He has been active in community affairs. The Illinois State Bar Association finds William B. Sullivan **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 12<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Kazmierski vacancy</b>
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**MARGUERITE ANN QUINN – HIGHLY QUALIFIED**

Marguerite Ann Quinn was admitted to practice in 1986. In 2007 she was elected as an Associate Judge to the bench and has been retained ever since. She is currently assigned to the Skokie Courthouse where she hears primarily criminal matters. She has also presided over the specialized Veterans Court there. Prior to ascending to the bench, she was a prosecutor for twelve years and in private practice as well. Judge Quinn gets high marks for her legal knowledge and her fair treatment for all who appear in her courtroom. She is considered fair and impartial and is active in community matters. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Marguerite Ann Quinn **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**THOMAS WILLIAM FLANNIGAN – NOT QUALIFIED**

Thomas Flannigan was admitted to practice in 1983. He is a sole practitioner doing mostly civil litigation. Early in his career he worked as an attorney in Japan and seemed to concentrate in international law; however, he later switched to other areas of law as well. He published articles and spoke about Japan during the 1990s. He is considered to be a competent attorney, but there are concerns over his lack of recent and complex trial and the depth of his more recent legal experience. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Thomas William Flannigan **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 12<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Mathein vacancy</b>
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**JANET CRONIN MAHONEY – NOT QUALIFIED**

Janet Cronin Mahoney has been licensed since 1987. She has spent her entire career at the State's Attorney's Office where she is a supervisor in the Appellate Division. While she is considered to be a competent and diligent appellate lawyer, there are concerns about her limited trial court experience and her lack of recent non-appellate litigation. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Janet Cronin Mahoney **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**JAMES LEONARD ALLEGRETTI - QUALIFIED**

James Leonard Allegretti was admitted to practice in 1978. He is in private practice and was an alderman in Park Ridge from 2005 to 2011. He has a strong background in traffic and DUI law. Since 2007 his practice has focused more on personal injury and workers' compensation cases, along with federal civil rights matters. He receives good marks for legal ability and demeanor, and has had some bar association involvement. The Illinois State Bar Association finds James Leonard Allegretti **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.



<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 12<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Tristano vacancy</b>
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**CARRIE HAMILTON - QUALIFIED**

Carrie Hamilton was admitted to practice in 1996. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in July 2015. Prior to her appointment, she worked for the United States Attorney's Office, most recently as Deputy Chief of the Public Corruption Unit, handling several high-profile cases. She has extensive complex litigation experience and is praised for her legal ability, courtroom skills and temperament. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Carrie Hamilton **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**DAVID STUDENROTH - QUALIFIED**

David Studenroth has been licensed since 1987. After several years working for the State's Attorney's Office, in 1998 he opened his solo practice focusing on criminal defense. He has substantial trial experience and is considered knowledgeable with a good temperament and high character. He is active in his community. The Illinois State Bar Association finds David Studenroth **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 12<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Additional Judgeship A</b>
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**JAMES EDWARD HANLON, JR. - QUALIFIED**

James Edward Hanlon, Jr. has been licensed since 1984. He has spent his entire career in private practice with several different firms and had his own firm from 2008 to 2010. Since 2010, he has been with Novus Law, LLC as the director of Client Services. He has extensive experience in commercial litigation at both the state and federal level. He is considered to be a highly seasoned, very professional attorney who does good work. He is active in bar association and community affairs. The Illinois State Bar Association finds James Edward Hanlon, Jr. **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**STEVEN A. KOZICKI - QUALIFIED**

Steven A. Kozicki was admitted to practice in 1985. Before opening his own practice in 1998, he worked as both a prosecutor and public defender in DuPage County, as well as spending three years with a firm handling civil cases. In his practice, he does mostly criminal work, with some civil and immigration as well. He has substantial jury and other litigation experience and he is considered knowledgeable with strong legal skills and a polite demeanor. He has been active in bar association activities and written on domestic violence. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Steven A. Kozicki **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 13<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Fecarotta vacancy</b>
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**KETKI “KAY” STEFFEN – HIGHLY QUALIFIED**

Ketki Steffen was licensed in 1991. She was appointed in November 2015 to the Circuit Court. She also served as a Circuit Court judge by appointment from 2010 to 2013, and was then appointed to be an Administrative Law Judge for the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission from 2013 to 2015. Before her original appointment to the bench, she spent nineteen years with the State's Attorney's Office where she obtained extensive litigation experience. She is considered knowledgeable in a variety of areas of law and is highly regarded by attorneys who have appeared before her. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Ketki “Kay” Steffen **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

**KEVIN MICHAEL O'DONNELL – NOT QUALIFIED**

Kevin O'Donnell has been licensed since 1988. He is a sole practitioner in Park Ridge who concentrates in estate planning, probate and some real estate. Most of this recent experience is transactional in nature. He has not tried any matters to a jury and has limited trial experience overall. He is praised for his knowledge of probate law and generally considered well-prepared. There are concerns about his limited trial experience and lack of recent complex litigation. Mr. O'Donnell is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court.

<b>Circuit Court – Cook County – 14<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit – Murphy vacancy</b>
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**MATTHEW LINK – NOT RECOMMENDED**

Matthew Link declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. The Illinois State Bar Association finds Matthew Link **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court, pursuant to its guidelines.



**2016 GENERAL ELECTION**

**Judges Seeking Retention**

<b>Illinois Appellate Court – First District</b>
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**JOY VIRGINIA CUNNINGHAM - YES**

Hon. Joy V. Cunningham was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1982. She was a law clerk for Appellate Justice Glenn Johnson, an assistant attorney general, a private practitioner, and associate general counsel for Loyola Health System. From 1997 – 2000 she was an associate judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, leaving the bench to serve in multiple positions for Northwestern Memorial Health Care System. In 2006 she was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court, where she currently sits in the Second Division.

She is a past president of the Chicago Bar Association, serves on various committees, has been a board member for various legal organizations, and is involved with different legal and community activities. Justice Cunningham is described as having excellent legal knowledge and ability. She has exceptional writing skills and her opinions are considered to be well-reasoned and thoughtful.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Joy V. Cunningham **Qualified** for retention as a justice of the Illinois Appellate Court – First District.

**Circuit Court of Cook County**

(Please note, retention judges' names are shown in ballot order which is based on seniority)

**SOPHIA H. HALL - YES**

Hon. Sophia Hall was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1967. She was in private practice, worked at McCoy, Ming and Black and taught at the Loyola University Law School. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1980 and has been retained five times since. She has served in many divisions including First Municipal, Criminal, Chancery, Juvenile (former Presiding Judge) and Law. She is currently assigned to Chancery and she also retains her position as the Administrative Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division and Child Protection Resource Section.

Judge Hall receives high praise for her legal knowledge and ability, and for her continued commitment to juvenile issues. Her handling of pro se litigants is especially admired. She is further described as firm but gracious and respectful of all.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Sophia Hall **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**IRWIN J. SOLGANICK - YES**

Hon. Irwin Solganick was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1972. After working as an assistant state's attorney, he entered private practice. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1986, retained four times since, and has been assigned to the Law Division for twenty-four years. He has appeared as a panelist and speaker at various legal symposia and lectures.

In general, Judge Solganick receives high marks for his legal knowledge and ability. He is very diligent and runs a tight call. Some concerns were reported by attorneys over occasional temperament issues during jury trials.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Irwin J. Solganick **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**ALEXANDER PATRICK WHITE - YES**

Hon. Alexander Patrick White was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1964. He was a law clerk for an Illinois Appellate Court justice, an instructor at Chicago-Kent College of Law and Northern Illinois University, and in private practice before being elected to the Circuit Court in 1986. He has been retained four times since, and is currently the Supervising Judge of the Tax and Miscellaneous Section of the Law Division, where he has been assigned for the last 18 years.

Judge White is considered an expert in the field of eminent domain and to be very knowledgeable about the other areas that he handles. Many pro se litigants appear before him and he treats everyone with respect, and gets high marks for his impartiality and diligence.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Alexander P. White **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

**VINCENT MICHAEL GAUGHAN - YES**

Hon. Vincent Michael Gaughan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1972. He was a career assistant public defender. In 1991 he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County followed by election in 1992 and retention in 1998, 2004 and 2010. He is assigned to the Criminal Division.

Judge Gaughan has handled many high-profile cases and is thought of as a very competent and skilled judge well-versed in the law and familiar with complex issues. While he is also considered to be well-prepared and very punctual, some concerns were reported by attorneys that at times he can be short-tempered.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Vincent V. Gaughan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**ROBERT W. BERTUCCI - YES**

Hon. Robert W. Bertucci was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1983. He was a long-time assistant state's attorney with a short period as a private criminal defense attorney. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992 and retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. He is currently assigned to the County Division (Daley Center) where he hears cases involving various tax matters, school district, election, and mental health matters.

Judge Bertucci is described as an even-keeled problem solver with a solid grasp of the relevant law and procedures.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Robert Bertucci **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**DEBORAH MARY DOOLING - YES**

Hon. Deborah Mary Dooling was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1978 and admitted to the Florida Bar in 1981, and was an assistant state's attorney in various divisions. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992, retained three times since, and is currently assigned to the Law Division. She also teaches trial advocacy at The John Marshall Law School.

Judge Dooling is described as being a very diligent person who keeps things on track. She has become well-accustomed to civil law and her current assignment, and is known to be helpful and patient to new attorneys.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Deborah M. Dooling **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

### **TIMOTHY C. EVANS - YES**

Hon. Timothy C. Evans was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1969. He worked in various state and city agencies and was elected to the Chicago City Council. As 4<sup>th</sup> Ward alderman, he served as Budget Committee chair and as floor leader for the late Mayor Harold Washington. Judge Evans was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992 and retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. In 2001 he was elected Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and re-elected to that post in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, and 2016.

Judge Evans is described as having excellent legal knowledge and ability, and to be sharp and energetic with a wide breadth of knowledge. As chief judge, he does not handle a call, but spends his time managing the court system and attending various professional, civic and bar association meetings and functions. He has been the recipient of many awards, including being honored in 2009 by the National Association of State Court Judges with the William Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

Judge Evans is considered to have supported greater diversity on the bench, and has worked to establish more specialty courts like Mental Health, Veterans Court and the Elder Law & Miscellaneous Remedies Division. In addition, he appears to have an excellent temperament and makes sure to engage with people when appearing at functions. The media has raised questions over other systemic issues, including the operations of the Probation Department and the setting of bonds in low-level cases. He is currently working with community groups in establishing a “community court” in North Lawndale.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Timothy C. Evans **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

### **CHEYRL D. INGRAM - YES**

Hon. Cheyrl D. Ingram was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1979 and was an assistant public defender. She was elected in 1992 to the Circuit Court of Cook County, and has been retained four times since then. Since 2010, she became presiding judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal District (Maywood).

Judge Ingram is considered to have a good knowledge of the law and to be impartial with a good temperament.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Cheryl D. Ingram **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

### **RAYMOND L. JAGIELSKI - YES**

Hon. Raymond L. Jagielski was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981. He was an assistant public defender for seven years and then in private practice, and is also a former Chair of the Chicago Board of Elections. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992 and retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. He was assigned to the First Municipal (Daley Center) and County Divisions before moving to

the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview) in 2006. In 2011 he was appointed as the Presiding Judge of the Fifth Municipal District.

Judge Jagielski received positive marks for his knowledge, experience and preparation. He has a good demeanor on the bench.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Raymond L. Jagielski **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **BERTINA E. LAMPKIN - YES**

Hon. Bertina E. Lampkin was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1974. She worked as an assistant state's attorney and an assistant corporation counsel until 1987 when she was appointed as an associate judge. In 1992 she was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County and subsequently has been retained three times. Since 2009, she has been sitting on the Appellate Court by appointment. In March 2016 she won the Democratic Primary for a vacancy on the Appellate Court and will thus appear on both the General and Retention ballot.

For her primary race this year, Judge Lampkin was rated "highly qualified" for the Appellate Court. She has received high marks for her legal knowledge and diligence, issuing written opinions in a timely manner that are well thought out.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Bertina E. Lampkin **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **WILLIAM MAKI - YES**

Hon. William Maki was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1973. He was an assistant state's attorney before entering private practice. In 1992 he was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County and has been retained since in 1998, 2004 and 2010. In 2011 he was named the Presiding Judge of the Third Municipal District in Rolling Meadows. Prior to his appointment, he had served in the Chancery, Law, Criminal, and Juvenile Divisions.

Most of Judge Maki's current duties are administrative although he does fill in where necessary and hears the expungement call. He is considered to have high integrity, to be a hard worker, and to know the law well. He is very calm and even-keeled.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. William O. Maki **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **SHARON MARIE SULLIVAN - YES**

Hon. Sharon Marie Sullivan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1980. She worked in private practice, as an assistant corporation counsel and as an assistant state's attorney before her election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992. She was retained in 1998, 2004 and 2010. In 2015 she was appointed as the Acting Presiding Judge of the County Division after previously being assigned to the Criminal Division sitting in the Second Municipal District (Skokie), and to the First (Daley Center) and Third (Rolling Meadows) Municipal Districts. She does some speaking and is a judicial mentor.

Judge Sullivan is praised for her very high level of intelligence and legal knowledge, and for how she has worked to familiarize herself with the County Division after many years in the Criminal Division. She treats everyone with courtesy and respect and is a hard worker. She has been proactive about soliciting ideas on how to improve the County Division.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Sharon M. Sullivan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

#### **JAMES PATRICK MCCARTHY - YES**

Hon. James P. McCarthy was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1978. He was an assistant corporation counsel and in private practice. After being appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1996, he was elected in 1998. He was retained in 2004 and 2010. He has been assigned to the Law Division since 2003.

Judge McCarthy gets high praise for his preparation and his clear rulings. He has a good understanding of the rules of evidence and procedure and is respectful and professional.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. James P. McCarthy **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **ARNETTE R. HUBBARD - YES**

Hon. Arnette R. Hubbard was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1969. She was in private practice and served as a staff attorney for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law before being elected to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1998. She was retained in 2004 and 2010 and has been assigned to Law/Jury since 2005. She was the first woman president of both the Cook County Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

Judge Hubbard is described as knowledgeable in the law, very thoughtful, methodical and patient. She has a good temperament and treats all with respect.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Arnette R. Hubbard **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **NICHOLAS R. FORD - YES**

Hon. Nicholas R. Ford was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1988. He was an assistant state's attorney until 1998 when he was first appointed, then elected, to the Circuit Court of Cook County. He has been assigned to the Criminal Division since 2003 after first spending time in First Municipal. He has done some volunteer work.

Judge Ford is considered to have excellent legal knowledge and ability. He runs a tight, but not unfair, courtroom. He has handled some high-profile cases, and is generally considered to have good demeanor and is a hard worker who is always prepared. Concerns have been raised over a couple of Appellate Court decisions which have criticized some questions and rulings as showing bias toward the State by taking into account the defendant choosing not to exercise his right of allocution, and for the tone and manner in which he asked questions of an expert witness for the defense.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Nicholas R. Ford **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

**CHARLES PATRICK BURNS - YES**

Hon. Charles Patrick Burns was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981 and worked as an assistant state's attorney. Judge Burns was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998 and has been retained in 2004 and 2010. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Division where he handles a standard felony call as well as the rehabilitation alternative program (RAP).

Judge Burns has an excellent grasp and application of the law. His temperament has received some concern by attorneys for being harsh, but overall, he is considered to be fair, and his work with the RAP program has been widely praised.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Charles P. Burns **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**DENISE KATHLEEN FILAN - YES**

Hon. Denise Kathleen Filan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1989. She was in private practice with Odelson and Sterk, Ltd. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998 and retained in 2004 and 2010. She has been assigned to the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview) since 2003 hearing a variety of matters.

Judge Filan is considered to have good legal knowledge and an even-keeled demeanor. She is well-prepared, punctual and impartial.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Denise Filan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**JOHN PATRICK KIRBY - YES**

Hon. John Patrick Kirby was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1983 and spent time as an assistant state's attorney and in private practice before being elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998. He was retained in 2004 and 2010. He has been assigned to the Law Division Trial Section since 2011, after spending several years hearing felonies in the Criminal Division. He is also a lecturer in Trial Advocacy at DePaul Law School.

Judge Kirby has received high marks for his knowledge and ability in both his criminal and civil assignments. He has a good temperament with a calm demeanor, and also is considered to have high integrity and character.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. John P. Kirby **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.



**DIANE JOAN LARSEN - YES**

Hon. Diane Joan Larsen was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1983. She was an assistant corporation counsel, eventually becoming Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Policy Litigation Division. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998 and retained in 2004 and 2010. Since 2013 she has been assigned to Chancery after previous assignments in the Law Division and First Municipal. She is an adjunct professor at Loyola University School of Law, is a continuing legal education lecturer and participates in educational activities, including judging high school mock trials. Judge Larsen received high marks for her legal knowledge, preparation and fairness. She runs an efficient call and displays great patience.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Diane Joan Larsen **Qualified** for retention as a judge to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**DANIEL JOSEPH LYNCH - NO**

Hon. Daniel Joseph Lynch was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1988. He worked as an assistant state's attorney until his election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998. He was retained in 2004 and 2010. He is currently assigned to the Law Division, Jury Section. He is involved in community activities.

Judge Lynch is generally considered to have excellent legal knowledge and even-keeled, although there were isolated reports of temperament issues. Since last being retained, Judge Lynch has been involved in several cases which have called into question his judicial judgment, including a case within the last year where the Illinois Supreme Court ordered his removal and reassignment of that case to another judge.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Daniel Joseph Lynch **Not Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**KATHLEEN MARY PANTLE - YES**

Hon. Kathleen Mary Pantle was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1982. She was an assistant public defender for most of her career before being elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998. She was subsequently retained in 2004 and 2010. She has been assigned to Chancery since 2007 after previous assignments in the Criminal, Juvenile Justice and First Municipal Divisions. She has been a presenter at judicial seminars.

Judge Pantle is widely considered to be well-prepared, thorough and impartial. She demonstrates in-depth knowledge and is reported to be honest and fair with a good temperament.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Kathleen M. Pantle **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

**KEVIN MICHAEL SHEEHAN - YES**

Hon. Kevin Michael Sheehan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1983. He was a career assistant state's attorney until his election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998. He was subsequently retained in 2004 and 2010. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Division after starting in the First Municipal District.

Judge Sheehan is considered to be professional, knowledgeable, diligent, and fair to all. He runs his call in an efficient manner.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Kevin M. Sheehan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **JOHN D. TURNER - YES**

Hon. John D. Turner was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1984. He was an attorney for various public sector agencies. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1998 and retained in 2004 and 2010. He is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview) where he hears a variety of cases.

Judge Turner is considered to be experienced, diligent, well-prepared, and even-tempered. He has a good understanding of the law.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. John D. Turner, Jr. **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

#### **LEROY K. MARTIN, JR. – YES**

Hon. LeRoy K. Martin Jr. was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1984. He worked first as an assistant public defender and in private practice. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2002, elected in 2004 and retained in 2010. In 2015 he was named the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. Prior assignments include First Municipal, Domestic Relations and Chancery.

Attorneys report that Judge Martin is very smart and has done an excellent job of educating himself on the various issues and problems in the criminal justice system. While most of his duties are administrative, he does handle some unique calls including sexually violent person's cases, extraditions and fitness hearings, among others. He is described as being patient and soft-spoken, but with authority.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. LeRoy K. Martin Jr. **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **PAULA MARIE DALEO - YES**

Hon. Paula Marie Daleo was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1978. Prior to joining the bench, she was an executive assistant with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and was head of the Special Prosecutions Bureau gaining extensive trial experience. Judge Daleo was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2003 and elected in 2004; she has been retained in 2010 is currently assigned to the Municipal District 4 (Maywood).

Judge Daleo is described as fair and even-handed and applies the law correctly and evaluates the evidence objectively. Based on her heavy caseload, the Judge demands preparation and efficiency from all her appear before her.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Paula M. Daleo **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**LAURENCE J. DUNFORD - YES**

Hon. Laurence J. Dunford was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1971 and was in private practice concentrating in civil trial matters. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2003, elected in 2004 and retained in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Sixth Municipal District (Markham) and the Domestic Violence Division.

Judge Dunford is described as knowledgeable with a good temperament and does a good job of managing his courtroom and dockets.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Laurence J. Dunford **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**ROBERT BALANOFF - YES**

Hon. Robert Balanoff was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1982. He was in private practice until 2004 when he was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County. He was retained in 2010 and is currently assigned to the Child Protection Division.

Judge Balanoff is praised for his knowledge and is considered to be professional, fair and sensitive. He remains active in community affairs.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Robert Balanoff **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**JEANNE R. CLEVELAND BERNSTEIN - YES**

Hon. Jeanne R. Cleveland Bernstein was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1971. She spent the majority of her career in private practice doing family law, estate planning and divorce. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained in 2010. She is currently assigned to Domestic Relations. She is a past president of the North Suburban Bar Association.

Judge Bernstein is considered to be very knowledgeable about the law and having excellent analytical skills. She does keep her heavy call moving. Concerns have been reported by attorneys over her temperament, especially when she disagrees with a position being argued. There have been a couple of instances where other judges in her Division granted motions for substitution of judge for cause due to comments she made during proceedings before her.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Jeanne Bernstein **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**KATHLEEN MARIE BURKE - YES**

Hon. Kathleen Marie Burke was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1989. She worked for Johnson & Bell doing general litigation and then became an assistant state's attorney. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2001 and retained in 2010. She is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview).

Judge Burke is considered to have a good knowledge of the law and to issue well-reasoned opinions based on law and facts. She is fair to all, courteous and takes her job seriously. One concern expressed by attorneys is that she, at times, severely delays making decisions, causing cases to unnecessarily drag out.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Kathleen M. Burke **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

#### **KAY MARIE HANLON - YES**

Hon. Kay Marie Hanlon was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1985. She was an assistant state's attorney, a private criminal defense attorney and a legislative liaison for a state representative. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained in 2010. She is currently assigned to the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Law Division after spending ten years in the Third Municipal District (Rolling Meadows).

Hon. Hanlon has a reputation for being very knowledgeable, bright and a good researcher with outstanding legal knowledge and ability. She is considered impartial and fair-minded.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Kay M. Hanlon **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **THOMAS J. KELLEY - YES**

Hon. Thomas J. Kelley was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1984 and was in private practice, concentrating in divorce matters. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained 2010. He has been assigned to the Domestic Relations Division since 2006.

Judge Kelley is highly esteemed by attorneys who practice before him. He is described as being the consummate professional with an easy-going temperament, and is respected by his peers as well.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Thomas J. Kelley **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **CLARE ELIZABETH MCWILLIAMS - YES**

Hon. Clare Elizabeth McWilliams was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1988 and did criminal and civil litigation prior to her election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004. She was retained in 2010. After spending time in the First (Chicago) and Second (Skokie) Municipal Districts, she currently is assigned to Law/Jury and is also supervising judge of the Asbestos Docket. She participates in community outreach to students.

Attorneys overwhelmingly praise Judge McWilliams for her experience, and her knowledge of the law and the rules of evidence. She is seen to be super-organized and very fair with an excellent demeanor.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Clare Elizabeth McWilliams **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**MARY LANE MIKVA - YES**

Hon. Mary Lane Mikva was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1980. After serving as a law clerk to Federal Judge Prentice Marshall and United States Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, she practiced in the areas of labor and criminal law. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained in 2010. Currently assigned to the Chancery Division, she is active on Illinois Supreme Court committees and with the Mikva Challenge.

Judge Mikva is considered diligent and punctual with excellent legal knowledge and ability. She helps to train new judges.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Mary Lane Mikva **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**PATRICK T. MURPHY - YES**

Hon. Patrick T. Murphy was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1965. He spent time with various legal aid agencies before entering private practice, concentrating in mental health, civil rights and criminal law. From 1978 to 2004 he served as the Cook County Public Guardian. In 2004 he was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County and retained in 2010. Since 2005 he has been assigned to Domestic Relations, and since 2007 he has also been assigned to the Unified Family Court Project in Bridgeview. He has been an adjunct professor at various law schools and a speaker at bar association and judicial seminars, and is the recipient of many awards.

Judge Murphy is considered to be very knowledgeable about the law and legal issues and he is always prepared and thorough. He has high integrity and goes out of his way to accommodate pro se litigants.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Patrick T. Murphy **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**TIMOTHY PATRICK MURPHY - YES**

Hon. Timothy Patrick Murphy was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1984. He was a sole practitioner concentrating in domestic relations, real estate and probate. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained in 2010. He is currently assigned to Domestic Relations hearing trials, after spending time hearing pre- and post-decree matters.

Judge Murphy is considered to have great legal knowledge in domestic relations and keeps abreast of current law and to be a good fit with his current assignment as a trial judge. He is viewed as impartial with a great temperament.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Timothy P. Murphy **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**JIM RYAN - YES**

Hon. James J. "Jim" Ryan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1992. He was an assistant state's attorney for two years and then became Director of Operations and General Counsel for the Cook County Sheriff's Office. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2004 and retained in 2010. He is currently assigned to the First Municipal District (Daley Center).

Judge Ryan currently hears trials involving landlord-tenant cases, and attorneys report that he has educated himself in the very specialized area and has good knowledge. He treats all fairly and has an even-keeled demeanor. He is considered to be a hard worker who manages a large call effectively and helps settle many cases.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Jim Ryan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **EDWARD “ED” WASHINGTON, II - YES**

Hon. Edward “Ed” Washington, II was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1983. He spent time at the United States Department of Justice, in private practice and as Chief of the Public Interest Division of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office before being appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2002. He was elected in 2004 and retained in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Law Division hearing jury trials after previous assignments in Traffic, First Municipal and Forcible Detainer. He is a speaker at CLE seminars; teaches at the City Colleges of Chicago and is a member of the Judicial Inquiry Board.

Judge Washington receives positive remarks for his legal knowledge and ability and his diligence. He has an excellent temperament, makes every effort to be fair and listens to everything.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Edward Washington II **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **THADDEUS L. WILSON - YES**

Hon. Thaddeus L. Wilson has been licensed since 1994. He was in private practice concentrating in personal injury, criminal defense and civil rights/police misconduct. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2007 and elected in 2010. He has been assigned to the Criminal Division since 2009.

Judge Wilson has handled a number of high-profile cases and is described as being hardworking and knowledgeable about the law. While overall he received positive comments for his temperament, some concerns were raised by attorneys that at times he can appear to be impatient and short-tempered. He is a stickler for doing legal research.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Thaddeus L. Wilson **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **JOHN C. GRIFFIN - YES**

Hon. John C. Griffin was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1976. He was in private practice primarily handling real estate, zoning and development-related issues. In 2008 he was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court and elected in 2010. He is currently Supervising Judge in the Law Division, hearing commercial litigation matters.

Judge Griffin is considered knowledgeable in the law, legal concepts and procedural rules. He is seen to be impartial, diligent and always well-prepared.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. John C. Griffin **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**DANIEL JAMES PIERCE - YES**

Hon. Daniel James Pierce was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1972. He was an assistant state's attorney and Chief Deputy Assessor for the Cook County Assessor before moving to private practice. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2008 and elected in 2010. He has been sitting in the Appellate Court – First District by assignment since 2013.

Judge Pierce is well thought of for his legal knowledge, preparation and hard work. His opinions are well-reasoned and well-written.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Daniel J. Pierce **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**ALLEN F. MURPHY - YES**

Hon. Allen F. Murphy was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1991. He worked as an assistant public guardian and assistant state's attorney. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2008 and elected in 2010. He is assigned to the Sixth Municipal District (Markham).

Judge Murphy is given high marks for his legal knowledge by the majority of attorneys interviewed. He is well-versed in the law and holds prosecutors to their burden. While it is reported that he can be critical of litigants causing delay, he is considered to have a good temperament, and is considered diligent and hard-working.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Allen F. Murphy **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**WILLIAM H. HOOKS - YES**

Hon. William H. Hooks was a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981. He left active duty after twenty years in 1985 and thereupon entered private practice concentrating in criminal defense and civil litigation. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2008, elected in 2010, and is currently assigned to the Criminal Division hearing felony cases. He is a past president of the Cook County Bar Association and has taught at DePaul College of Law and the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Chicago. He has also served on various judicial committees.

The majority of attorneys interviewed consider Judge Hooks to have good-to-excellent legal knowledge with high integrity. He is generally considered to be mostly professional, but concerns have been raised over what has been described as a sometimes overbearing temperament.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. William H. Hooks **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**THOMAS V. LYONS - YES**

Hon. Thomas V. Lyons was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1987. He was an assistant state's attorney for nineteen years followed by three years in private practice. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2008 and elected in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Law/Jury Division.

In general, Judge Lyons is considered to be a hard worker with a good temperament. Attorneys did have split opinions as to his grasp at times of complex legal issues and concerns were raised over his unwillingness to, at times, revisit prior rulings when appropriate.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Thomas V. Lyons **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**RAYMOND W. MITCHELL - YES**

Hon. Raymond W. Mitchell was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1993. He did complex litigation at Winston & Strawn, eventually becoming a partner. In 2008 he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County and elected in 2010. He is assigned to the Commercial Calendar.

Judge Mitchell is considered to be of high integrity with a good judicial demeanor. He expects the lawyers who appear before him to conduct themselves with the same high degree of integrity. He does his own research and his written opinions are well thought out.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Raymond W. Mitchell **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**EDWARD HARMENING - YES**

Hon. Edward Harmening was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1994. He was an assistant state's attorney before entering private practice doing insurance defense cases. In 2008 he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in and subsequently elected in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Law Division, Trial Section, after prior assignments in the First Municipal District.

Judge Harmening receives high praise for his knowledge and ability and his diligence. He is prepared and good at both helping to settle cases and explaining matters to juries. He is respectful to all parties.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Edward S. Harmening **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**DANIEL MALONE - YES**

Hon. Daniel Malone was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1986 and was in private practice handling mainly personal injury and workers' compensation cases. In 2009 he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County then elected in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Probate Division where he hears the Disabled Adult Guardianship call.

Judge Malone is reported to be knowledgeable, smart and fair. While fairly new to probate, he understands the issues. He rules in a timely manner, researches legal issues and is good with pro se litigants.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Edward M. Maloney **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.



**GEARY W. KULL - YES**

Hon. Geary W. Kull was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1974 and was an assistant public defender and a private criminal defense attorney until his appointment to the Cook County Circuit Court in 2009 and election in 2010. He currently hears felony cases in the 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal District (Maywood).

Judge Kull is considered to be a hard worker who manages a heavy call well. He is regarded as being very experienced with a good knowledge of the law, and having an even-tempered demeanor.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Geary W. Kull **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**JOHN P. CALLAHAN, JR. - YES**

Hon. John P. Callahan Jr. was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1988. He practiced with an Oak Brook firm concentrating in business, real estate and criminal law. He was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 2009 and elected in 2010. He is assigned to the Law Division – Motion Call.

Judge Callahan has been praised for his legal acumen and judicious and sensitive handling of complicated cases. Overall, he is considered to be thoughtful, professional, even-keeled, and diligent.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. John P. Callahan Jr. **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

**STEVEN JAMES BERNSTEIN - YES**

Hon. Steven James Bernstein was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1971. He spent the majority of his career in private practice and as Acting General Counsel for the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority prior to being elected to the bench in 2010. He is currently assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division where he handles juvenile cases assigned to the Second Municipal District (Skokie) and Third Municipal District (Rolling Meadows) as well as acting as a “swing” or substitute judge at the Juvenile Justice Center. He is a former Evanston alderman.

Judge Bernstein is considered a quick study who makes good, thoughtful and well-supported rulings, and is respectful to attorneys and litigants.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Steven James Bernstein **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**BONITA COLEMAN - YES**

Hon. Bonita Coleman was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1992. She was in private practice concentrating in family law, criminal defense and probate before being elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010. She is currently assigned to the Domestic Relations Division in the Sixth District (Markham).

Judge Coleman is praised for her temperament and patience with the many pro se litigants who appear before her. Some attorneys have expressed concerns that while she works hard, cases do not always proceed in a timely manner. In addition, attorneys’ opinions on the depth of her legal knowledge were

not uniformly positive, although she is considered to be a hard worker who will always research a question of law and who thinks it is important to get things right.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Bonita Coleman **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **ANN FINLEY COLLINS - YES**

Hon. Ann Finley Collins was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1985, and was an assistant public defender before her election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010. She is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview) where she hears misdemeanor and felony matters, bonds and preliminary hearings.

Judge Collins is considered to be knowledgeable and holds prosecutors to their burden of proof. She researches legal issues and is respectful of defendants.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Ann Finley Collins **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **DANIEL J. GALLAGHER - YES**

Hon. Daniel J. Gallagher was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1994, and spent the majority of his career as an assistant public defender. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010 and is currently assigned to the First Municipal Division (51<sup>st</sup> Street) hearing misdemeanor cases.

Judge Gallagher receives high marks for his legal knowledge and ability, and is said to be good at working with young lawyers developing their trial skills. Concerns have been raised by attorneys that while he has a good heart, he can be volatile in demeanor. On the other hand, attorneys also report that he tries to provide needed assistance where possible and appropriate to help mentally ill and homeless defendants.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Daniel James Gallagher **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

#### **SHARON O. JOHNSON - YES**

Hon. Sharon O. Johnson was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1996. She was in private practice for ten years after working for the United States Department of Justice, the New Jersey Superior Court, and the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Work Force Development. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010 and is currently assigned to Domestic Relations hearing cases in the Markham courthouse.

Judge Johnson is considered to have adequate knowledge of family law. She is always prepared and reads and researches everything. It is reported that since her move to a full divorce call, she has become more even-tempered. Concerns by attorneys were raised over her courtroom management skills, as it was reported that she is not always punctual and that sometimes cases are not resolved in a timely manner. Some of these concerns relate to her previous assignment in the Parentage call, considered an extremely difficult call due to the volume.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Sharon O. Johnson **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**LINZEY D. JONES - YES**

Hon. Linzey D. Jones was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1982. He was a partner with two different law firms, concentrating in employment litigation and counseling. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010 and is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District (Maywood) hearing misdemeanors. He served as mayor of the City of Olympia Fields from 1997 to 2010

Judge Jones has been complimented on his ability to conduct jury trials and is thought of as fair-minded. He has worked hard to become versed in criminal law and is generally considered to be fair and hard-working.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Linzey D. Jones **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**TERRY MACCARTHY - YES**

Hon. Terence F. "Terry" MacCarthy was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1990 and was a career assistant public defender. He was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010 and is currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Division in the Fourth Municipal District (Maywood). He has also taught at the National Criminal Defense College, the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School, and at the DePaul College of Law.

Judge MacCarthy is well-liked and has excellent legal knowledge. He is respectful of attorneys and litigants and is considered to be deliberate and thoughtful with high character.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Terence F. MacCarthy **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**SANDRA G. RAMOS - YES**

Hon. Sandra G. Ramos was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1986. She worked as an assistant state's attorney for many years and then was a sole practitioner doing criminal defense. She was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010 and is assigned to the First Municipal District Felony Preliminary Hearings.

Judge Ramos is considered to be very knowledgeable about the law and criminal procedure. She is thoughtful, sensitive to diversity and manages her call well.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Sandra G. Ramos. is **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**SUSAN KENNEDY SULLIVAN - YES**

Hon. Susan Kennedy Sullivan was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1994. She was a sole practitioner concentrating in elder law and probate cases – serving as a guardian ad litem more than three hundred times - before her election to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2010. She is currently assigned to both the Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division and the Probate Division.

Judge Sullivan is a considered to be a good fit for her current assignment and overall is thought to have good legal knowledge in that area of law. She is a hard worker who makes common sense recommendations. There were some concerns by attorneys about occasional issues involving her temperament; but she generally is described as having a pleasant demeanor and as being able to handle emotional cases well.

For the 2016 General Election, the Illinois State Bar Association finds Hon. Susan Kennedy Sullivan **Qualified** for retention as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.