

ALLIANCE OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS FOR JUDICIAL SCREENING

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

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Ratings Key:

HQ	Highly Qualified		HR	Highly Recommended
WQ	Well Qualified		R	Recommended
Q	Qualified		NR	Not Recommended
NQ	Not Qualified		1	Not Evaluated Through No Fault of the Candidate
Candidates Who Do Not Participate in the Alliance's Evaluation Process Are rated "NR"				

Judicial candidates are rated by the Alliance members based on detailed information supplied by candidates, a background check by trained lawyers/investigators, and interviews of each candidate. Ratings reflect the Alliance's opinion of whether candidates have the necessary qualifications for judicial service or ascension to a higher office and are not a reflection of the candidates' abilities as lawyers or judges.

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Illinois Appellate Court – (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas E. Hoffman	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Judith C. Rice	R	R	HQ	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	Q	HR	HR	R

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Kathleen Marie Burke	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Steven Q. McKenzie	R	1	1	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	NR	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Cynthia Y. Cobbs	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Luz Maria Toledo	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Ellen Coghlan	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Ashonta C. Rice	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. William Hooks	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Ava George Stewart	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	Q	HR	R	R

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D’Anthony “Tony” Thedford	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Robert Balanoff	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Radiance Ward	R	R	Q	R	WQ	R	R	R	Q	Q	HR	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Carl A. Walker	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Ashley Greer Shambley	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas W. Murphy	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
John Carroll	R	1	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	HQ	HR	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Rachel Marrello	R	R	NR	R	Q	NR	R	R	Q	Q	NR	R	R

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Cook Circuit Court – 5 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Dominique C. Ross	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Stephanie S. Kelly	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Celia L. Gamrath	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Kathleen Cunniff Ori	R	R	Q	R	Q	NR	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary L. Mikva	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Lester Finkle	R	¹	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 11 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Pamela McLean Meyerson	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Jarrett Knox	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 11 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Colleen Roberts	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Kim Przekota	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

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Robert “Bob” Groebner	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Martin C. Kelley	A A B A R	A A B A A	B M L A A	B W L A A	C C L	C C B A A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A A	L A G B A C	P R B A A	W B A I
Brittany Michelle Pedersen	NR	NR	NR	R	Q	R	NR	NR	NR	NQ	NR	NR	R

Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas J. Kelley	A A B A R	A A B A A	B M L A A	B W L A A	C C L	C C B A A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A A	L A G B A C	P R B A A	W B A I
William F. Kelley	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Shannon P. O’Malley	A A B A R	A A B A A	B M L A A	B W L A A	C C L	C C B A A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A A	L A G B A C	P R B A A	W B A I
Dan Naranjo	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	Q	HR	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Callie L. Baird	A A B A R	A A B A A	B M L A A	B W L A A	C C L	C C B A A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A A	L A G B A C	P R B A A	W B A I
Julian Sanchez Crozier	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

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Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patricia Mendoza	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Jessica Karina Velez	R	NR	NQ	R	NQ	NR	NR	R	Q	NQ	NR	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd J. Brooks	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Natalia Moore	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. James R. Carroll	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Bianca B. Brown	R	NR	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Frank J. Andreou	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Sam Bae	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Jeffrey G. Chrones	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Juan Ponce de Leon	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

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Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John A. Fairman	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Sara McGann	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	NQ	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Michael J. Kane	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Monica Somerville	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	NQ	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. David E. Haracz	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Michael J. Zink	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Stephanie K. Miller	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Jon Stromsta	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R

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Per Alliance Guidelines Section IV "Minimum Years of Experience", Any Candidate With Less Than Ten Years Of Experience Shall Be Rated "NR"				

Alliance – 2026 General Election

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Shall the person listed be retained in office as Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court?

Illinois Appellate Court 1st District	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Bertina E. Lampkin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Shall each of the persons listed be retained in office as Judge of the Cook Circuit Court?

Cook County Circuit Court	A A B A R	A A B A	B M L A	B W L A	C C L	C C B A	D S L	H B A	H L A I	I S B A	L A G B A C	P R B A	W B A I
Lewis Nixon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kerry M. Kennedy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joan E. Powell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maureen Ward Kirby	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edward A. Arce	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas J. Byrne	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diana L. Kenworthy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kristyna Colleen Ryan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ursula Walowski	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Caroline Kate Moreland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas J. Carroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andrea M. Buford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Michael Allegretti	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kristal Rivers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steven G. Watkins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Abbey Fishman Romanek	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Judith C. Rice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patrick Kevin Coughlin	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Megan Elizabeth Goldish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anjana M. J. Hansen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert D. Kuzas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maritza Martinez	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Terrence J. McGuire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bridget Anne Mitchell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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James P. Pieczonka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patricia O'Brien Sheahan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael A. Forti	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nichole C. Patton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sondra Nicole Denmark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gerardo Tristan, Jr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lynn Weaver Boyle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Daniel Edward Maloney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas M. Cushing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John G. Mulroe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tyria B. Walton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erin Haggerty Antonietti	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teresa Molina-Gonzalez	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patricia M. Fallon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheree Desiree Henry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Celestia L. Mays	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Levander Smith, Jr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julie Bess Aimen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laura Ayala-Gonzalez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krista D. Butler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maire Aileen Dempsey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jamie Guerra Dickler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Clark Green	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary Catherine Marubio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regina Ann Mescall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lorraine Mary Murphy	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eileen Marie O'Connor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jill Rose Quinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pamela Reaves-Harris	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tiesha L. Smith	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		No	No	No	Yes
Chris Stacey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Perla Tirado	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elizabeth Anne Walsh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maura McMahon Zeller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes