

The Chicago Bar Association

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to judicial candidates in Cook County



**The Chicago Bar Association's
recommendations for judicial candidates
running for judicial office in the
November 2, 2010 General Election**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION'S JUDICIAL EVALUATION PROGRAM

By Board resolution, the Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) is the semi-autonomous committee of The Chicago Bar Association that conducts evaluations of candidates for judicial offices and sitting judges seeking retention within Cook County. As a service to the public, The CBA reports the findings of the JEC for all elections. The evaluations are designed to inform the public and the courts of the qualifications, independence and integrity of judicial candidates. The CBA believes that the quality of the administration of justice in our courts is determined in large part by the quality of our judges.

History

The Chicago Bar Association has a long history of judicial evaluation, dating before the turn-of-the-century, and taking many forms over the years -- from running a "Bar Ticket" in 1887 -- to the present comprehensive procedure adopted in 1976. At that time, a special committee of the Board of Managers, chaired by then CBA President John D. Hayes, recommended a total revamping of the process to minimize political and bar politics, and embrace the concepts of random selection of evaluators and investigators, and to assure the confidentiality of the process and sources.

The Association's Board of Managers regularly reviews and evaluates the procedures and operations of the JEC. The JEC's governing resolution and its guidelines were both revised in 1987. The current JEC governing resolution was amended on November 17, 2007.

Scope & Purpose

Judicial candidates and sitting judges who participate in The CBA's screening process are evaluated on the basis of eight criteria: integrity, legal knowledge, legal ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, diligence, punctuality and health factors.

By providing these findings, along with "The Statements of Reasons," The CBA seeks to help inform and educate the public about the upcoming judicial contests in the general election.

The Association's 200-member Judicial Evaluation Committee annually invests thousands of volunteer attorney hours in this thorough, comprehensive and diverse peer review process evaluating more than 300 candidates for appointive and elective judicial positions within Cook County. The evaluation process for the primary candidates began in August 2009. The guidelines and standards developed by the 22,000-member Chicago Bar Association for rating judges have been adopted almost entirely by the American Bar Association as a model for local and state bar evaluation programs.

The Investigative Process

The Committee's work begins when the candidate submits his or her completed questionnaire. The 16-page questionnaire for sitting judges, requires the candidate to list personal, professional and judicial references and to provide the names of lawyers who have recently appeared before him or her. Candidates with less than four years on the bench are also asked to identify adversaries with whom they worked before taking the bench. Lawyer candidates are asked to provide detailed information about their jury and non-jury trial experiences, the names of five judges before whom they have appeared and a list of at least 20 lawyers who have represented adverse positions in matters handled by them.

All candidates are also asked to relate any present or recent health problems and to submit written authorizations signed by their doctors. Complaints against a candidate to the Attorney's Registration and Disciplinary Commission and the Judicial Inquiry Board are to be described, and relevant reports and correspondence submitted with the questionnaire. Criticism of professional misconduct, in any formal civil or criminal proceeding or in the media, must also be reported by the candidate.

The Committee obtained written materials dealing with the candidates' judicial performance from the major newspapers. In several cases, transcripts and other relevant, publicly available documents relating to official investigations of judges and court personnel were obtained from official sources.

The complete file was then assigned to a two-person investigation team. The investigators conducted personal interviews with the listed legal references. A specially assigned team of investigators reviewed the files of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and submitted to the investigators and the hearing panel a report on the information disclosed in those files. On completion of the interviews and a review of the file materials, the investigations team completed a comprehensive report regarding the qualifications of the candidate.

The Hearing Process

Hearings were conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday mornings. Hearing division members were randomly assigned, in accordance with the Committee's resolution, to either of two hearing rooms by a blind drawing for room assignment. Typically, 18 to 20 members were assigned to each room. Only at that time did they learn which candidates they would be evaluating and who the other members of the panel were. Each member of the hearing panel was provided with a copy of the investigator's report, a copy of the completed questionnaire with all material submitted by the candidate, and copies of any other relevant documents including, in some cases, newspaper clippings and transcripts of court proceedings.

Each member and the candidate execute a written oath to keep the nature and content of the report and questioning and hearing confidential.

The Judicial Evaluation Committee included in its investigation all possible sources of information available to it. However, because the Committee cannot compel the production of evidence or the attendance of witnesses before it nor, understandably, expect disclosure by the authorities of evidence discovered in pending investigations, the Committee cannot be assured that it has uncovered all the evidence which, in the future, may lead to formal charges. Within its authority, the Committee develops the most complete record available and gives careful and thoughtful consideration to the available evidence.

A member of the Executive Committee chaired each hearing. The candidate was advised of the procedures to be employed at the hearing and then questioned at length by the chair in regard to abilities, experiences, perceived strengths and weaknesses and, where appropriate, specific problems disclosed in the investigation. The chair then invited questions from members of the hearing panel. The candidate was then given an opportunity to make any statement he or she chose in his or her own behalf. On excusing the candidate from the hearing room, the chair then opened the floor to discussion of the candidate's qualifications among the panel members. Only after the members had been given the opportunity to openly voice their opinions was the issue of the finding of the Committee put to a vote.

The Vote

The hearing panel members voted by secret ballot and were asked to rate the candidate as "Highly Qualified," "Qualified" or "Not Recommended." A vote of 80 percent is required for a candidate to receive a "Highly Qualified" finding. A vote of 60 percent is required for a candidate to receive a "Qualified" finding. The failure of a candidate to receive 60 percent affirmative vote results in a finding of "Not Recommended." Each hearing panel member was also asked for written comments on the candidate's qualifications, areas worthy of commendation and areas of needed improvement. Following a tabulation of the vote, the chair reviewed and capsulized the written comments in preparing the statement of reasons given in support of the Committee's finding.

The Appellate Review Committee

On July 12, 1990, The Chicago Bar Association's Board of Managers adopted procedures establishing a separate Appellate Review Committee to act independently from the Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC).

The new Appellate Review Committee was recommended by a special committee appointed by past president Chester L. Blair. Made up of 30 lawyers, the committee hears appeals only from candidates who receive a "Not Recommended" rating from the JEC.

The candidate may request a re-evaluation by the appellate committee only on the basis that he or she believes that errors or omissions were made in the original screening process.

The Resolution adopted by the CBA's Board of Managers provides that:

A re-evaluation shall only be ordered on a determination that the Judicial Evaluation Committee's Hearing Division's finding was clearly erroneous. A re-evaluation shall not be ordered solely because the Appellate Review Panel disagrees with the Judicial Evaluation Committee's findings.

The Appellate Review Committee's authority will be limited to directing that the candidate be given a new hearing by the Judicial Evaluation Committee or denying the appeal.

Prior to the formation of the new Appellate Review Committee, all appeals were handled within the Judicial Evaluation Committee. These new appellate procedures only apply to candidates evaluated by the JEC after July 12, 1990.

Reporting of Findings

The Association has always reported its JEC findings to the public for all elective judicial positions.

On February 19, 1987, The CBA Board of Managers amended the JEC governing resolution to provide publication of "Statements of Reasons" for all such elective positions and specified appointive positions, such as associate judgeships.

CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE FINDINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2010 JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTION

The Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee completed its evaluation process for retention candidates on August 25, 2010. Candidates participating in the JEC screening process receive a finding of "Qualified" or "Not Recommended." Of the 69 judges on the ballot, The JEC found 2 Illinois Supreme Court Justices "Qualified, 2 Illinois Appellate Court Justices "Qualified," and 61 Circuit Court judges "Qualified" to be retained by Cook County voters. Four Circuit Court Judges were found "Not Recommended" for retention.

The results for retention candidate evaluations and findings are as follows:

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

QUALIFIED

Thomas R. Fitzgerald
Charles E. Freeman

ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT

QUALIFIED

Joseph Gordon
Shelvin Louise Marie Hall

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

QUALIFIED

Nancy J. Arnold
Robert Balanoff
Jeanne R. Cleveland Bernstein
Robert W. Bertucci
Paul P. Biebel, Jr.
Richard J. Billik, Jr.
Jennifer Duncan Brice
Kathleen Marie Burke
Charles Patrick Burns
Paula Marie Daleo
Thomas Michael Davy
David Delgado

Deborah Mary Dooling
Laurence J. Dunford
Timothy C. Evans
Thomas P. Fecarotta, Jr.
Denise Kathleen Filan
Nicholas R. Ford
Vincent Michael Gaughan
Allen S. Goldberg
Susan Ruscitti Grussel
Sophia H. Hall
Kay Marie Hanlon
Laquetta J. Hardy-Campbell

Thomas L. Hogan
Nathaniel R. Howse Jr.*
Arnette R. Hubbard
Cheyrl D. Ingram
Raymond L. Jagielski
Daniel E. Jordan
Michelle Jordan
Thomas J. Kelley
Carol A. Kelly
John Patrick Kirby
William J. Kunkle
Bertina E. Lampkin*
Diane Joan Larsen
Jeffrey Lawrence
Daniel Joseph Lynch
William D. Maddux
William Maki
LeRoy K. Martin, Jr.
James Patrick McCarthy
Clare Elizabeth McWilliams
Mary Lane Mikva
Patrick T. Murphy
Timothy Patrick Murphy
Donald J. O'Brien, Jr.
Kathleen Mary Pantle
Sheryl Ann Pethers
Robert J. Quinn
Leida J. Gonzalez Santiago
Kevin Michael Sheehan
Irwin J. Solganick
Paul Stralka
Daniel J. Sullivan
Sharon Marie Sullivan
John D. Turner, Jr.
Edward "Ed" Washington, II
Alexander Patrick White
Susan Frances Zwick

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

NOT RECOMMENDED

Dorothy F. Jones
Susan Jeanine McDunn
William D. O'Neal
Jim Ryan

*Assigned to Appellate

**FINDINGS FOR COOK COUNTY JUDGES SEEKING RETENTION
FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT**

THOMAS R. FITZGERALD

QUALIFIED

Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald is "Qualified" for retention as a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Justice Fitzgerald was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1968 and was elected a Circuit Court Judge in 1976. Justice Fitzgerald served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1989-2000, when he was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court. Justice Fitzgerald currently serves as Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and is highly regarded for his knowledge of the law, judicial leadership, outstanding demeanor and temperament, and dedication to improving the administration of justice in Illinois. Justice Fitzgerald has a wealth of experience and continues to serve our highest court with honor and distinction.

CHARLES E. FREEMAN

QUALIFIED

Justice Charles E. Freeman is "Qualified" for retention as a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Justice Freeman was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1962 and was elected to the Circuit Court in 1976. Justice Freeman was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court in 1986 and to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1990. Justice Freeman is a very experienced jurist and has authored a number of significant decisions. In addition, Justice Freeman has implemented programs in the trial courts to more effectively and efficiently serve the public. Justice Freeman is knowledgeable, dedicated, and committed to his work on the Illinois Supreme Court.

**FINDINGS FOR COOK COUNTY JUDGES SEEKING RETENTION
FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT**

JOSEPH GORDON

QUALIFIED

Justice Joseph Gordon is "Qualified" for retention as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Gordon was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1960 and served as a Circuit Court Judge from 1976-1983 and from 1988-1989, when he was appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Gordon was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court in 1990 and re-elected in 2000. Justice Gordon is highly regarded for his comprehensive knowledge of Illinois law and judicial experience. Justice Gordon is dedicated to the justice system.

SHELVIN LOUISE MARIE HALL

QUALIFIED

Justice Shelvin Marie Louise Hall is "Qualified" for retention as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Hall was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1982 and has served as a judge since 1991. Justice Hall was assigned to the Illinois Appellate Court in 1999 and elected to the Appellate Court in 2000. Justice Hall currently serves as Presiding Justice of the First Division, Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Hall has an outstanding demeanor and possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court.

**FINDINGS FOR COOK COUNTY JUDGES SEEKING RETENTION
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**

NANCY J. ARNOLD

QUALIFIED

Judge Nancy J. Arnold is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Arnold was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1977 and has served as a judge since 1997. Judge Arnold has served in the Chancery Division for the last ten years and is passionate about her assignment. Judge Arnold is hardworking and manages her courtroom efficiently. Judge Arnold is well regarded for her integrity and knowledge of the law.

ROBERT BALANOFF

QUALIFIED

Judge Robert Balanoff is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Balanoff was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1982 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Balanoff is assigned to the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Division. Judge Balanoff is passionate about his work in the Child Protection Division, but needs to improve his knowledge of the law and decision-making process.

JEANNE R. CLEVELAND BERNSTEIN

QUALIFIED

Judge Jeanne R. Cleveland Bernstein is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Bernstein was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1971 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Bernstein is assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and is knowledgeable about this area of the law. Judge Bernstein needs to continue to work on her judicial temperament and to be more efficient in managing her court call.

ROBERT W. BERTUCCI

QUALIFIED

Judge Robert W. Bertucci is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Bertucci was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1983 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Bertucci is a seasoned judge who is well regarded for his knowledge of the law, work ethic, diligence and fine demeanor.

PAUL P. BIEBEL, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Biebel was admitted to practice law in 1967 and was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in 1996. Judge Biebel was elected to the bench in 1998 and has served as presiding judge of the Criminal Division since 2001. Judge Biebel is hardworking and well respected for his passion and dedication to improving the criminal court system. In addition to Judge Biebel's strong management skills, he continues to hear cases and is highly regarded for his knowledge of the law and judicial ability.

RICHARD J. BILLIK, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Richard J. Billik, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Billik was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1977 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Billik is assigned to the Chancery Division and is well regarded by lawyers who appear before him for his legal knowledge, diligence, and efficiency in managing his call.

JENNIFER DUNCAN BRICE**QUALIFIED**

Judge Jennifer Duncan Brice is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Duncan-Brice was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1976. Judge Duncan-Brice practiced law for 16 years prior to her election to the Circuit Court in 1992. Judge Duncan-Brice has been assigned to the Law Division in various capacities since 1992. Judge Duncan-Brice is diligent and has a strong work ethic. Those who appear before her praise her for her knowledge of the law and ability to handle her case load efficiently and fairly.

KATHLEEN MARIE BURKE**QUALIFIED**

Judge Kathleen Marie Burke is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Burke was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1989 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Burke is intelligent, earnest, and hardworking, but needs to be more decisive in her rulings and demeanor. Judge Burke is committed to improving her judicial skills and is recommended for retention.

CHARLES PATRICK BURNS**QUALIFIED**

Judge Charles Patrick Burns is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Burns was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1981 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Burns is assigned to a felony trial call in the Criminal Division at 26th and California. Judge Burns has extensive knowledge of criminal law and is a respected and experienced trial judge. Judge Burns manages his trial call efficiently.

PAULA MARIE DALEO**QUALIFIED**

Judge Paula Marie Daleo is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Daleo was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1978 and has served as a judge since 2003. Judge Daleo is currently assigned to the Fourth Municipal District in Maywood. Judge Daleo is well regarded for her knowledge of the law, fine demeanor and judicial ability.

THOMAS MICHAEL DAVY**QUALIFIED**

Judge Thomas Michael Davy is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Davy was admitted to practice law in 1971 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Davy is currently assigned to a Criminal Court in Bridgeview, Fifth Municipal District. Judge Davy has had extensive judicial experience and is respected by those who appear before him for his knowledge of the law, diligence, and fairness.

DAVID DELGADO**QUALIFIED**

Judge David Delgado is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Delgado was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1977 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Delgado is assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and is highly regarded for his diligence and even temperament. Judge Delgado possesses the requisite qualifications needed for retention as a Circuit Court Judge.

DEBORAH MARY DOOLING**QUALIFIED**

Judge Deborah Mary Dooling is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Dooling was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1978 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Dooling currently is assigned to the Law Division. Judge Dooling has considerable judicial experience and is highly regarded for her knowledge of the law, work ethic, and excellent temperament.

LAURENCE J. DUNFORD**QUALIFIED**

Judge Laurence J. Dunford is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Dunford was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1971 and was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in 2003. Judge Dunford was elected to the bench in 2004 and is assigned to the First Municipal District. Judge Dunford is knowledgeable, hardworking, efficient, and has a good temperament.

TIMOTHY C. EVANS**QUALIFIED**

Judge Timothy C. Evans is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Evans was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1969 and was elected a Circuit Court Judge in 1992. Before becoming Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2001, Judge Evans served as Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Division and of the Law Division. Judge Evans is articulate, thoughtful and sincere, and has implemented many innovative programs to improve the judicial system. Judge Evans is well respected for his leadership skills and recently received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence from the National Center for State Courts.

THOMAS P. FECAROTTA, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Thomas P. Fecarotta, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Fecarotta was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Fecarotta is assigned to a felony courtroom in the Third Municipal District and has a well-rounded knowledge of the law. Judge Fecarotta is thorough, dedicated to the justice system, and runs an efficient courtroom.

DENISE KATHLEEN FILAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Denise Filan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Filan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1989 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Filan is assigned to the Fifth Municipal District and hears misdemeanor and traffic violations at the Bridgeview Court. Judge Filan is hardworking and well regarded for her integrity and fairness. Judge Filan possesses the requisite qualifications for retention as a Circuit Court Judge.

NICHOLAS R. FORD**QUALIFIED**

Judge Nicholas R. Ford is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Ford was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1988 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Ford is passionate about his job and takes his responsibilities seriously to provide a fair and swift resolution of criminal matters. Judge Ford has worked hard on his patience and demeanor. Judge Ford has a very thoughtful approach to the administration of justice and is well regarded for his knowledge of the law.

VINCENT MICHAEL GAUGHAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Vincent Michael Gaughan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Gaughan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1972 and has served as a judge since 1991. Judge Gaughan is assigned to the Criminal Division at 26th and California and is well regarded for his knowledge of the law, integrity, and judicial ability. Judge Gaughan is diligent, punctual, and efficiently manages complex felony trials. Judge Gaughan is dedicated and passionate about the justice system.

ALLEN S. GOLDBERG**QUALIFIED**

Judge Allen S. Goldberg is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Goldberg was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1967 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Goldberg is currently assigned to the Law Division and hears contract and tort claims. Judge Goldberg is well respected for his knowledge of the law, fairness, and dedication to the justice system. Judge Goldberg effectively manages a high-volume courtroom and consistently issues well-reasoned written opinions on complex matters. Judge Goldberg played a key role in drafting and establishing the court's rules for mediation.

SUSAN RUSCITTI GRUSSEL**QUALIFIED**

Judge Susan Ruscitti Grussel is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Grussel was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1979. Judge Grussel has served as a judge since 1992 and has been assigned to the Law Division since 2006. Judge Grussel is an energetic and enthusiastic judge and is well regarded by the attorneys who appear before her. Judge Grussel is a compassionate and competent judge who enjoys her work.

SOPHIA H. HALL**QUALIFIED**

Judge Sophia H. Hall is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Hall was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1967 and has served as a judge since 1980. Judge Hall is assigned to the Chancery Division and also serves as presiding judge of the Circuit Court's Child Protection Resource Section. Judge Hall is a seasoned judge and is well respected for her legal knowledge, diligence, professionalism and fairness. Judge Hall is thoughtful, conscientious, and effectively manages her courtroom. In addition, Judge Hall enjoys an excellent reputation for her work in the Child Protection Resource Section of the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Division.

KAY MARIE HANLON**QUALIFIED**

Judge Kay Marie Hanlon is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Hanlon was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Hanlon currently serves in the Third Municipal District. Judge Hanlon is articulate, energetic, and well regarded by the lawyers who appear in her court.

LAQUIETTA J. HARDY-CAMPBELL**QUALIFIED**

Judge Laquetta Hardy-Campbell is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Hardy-Campbell was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1978 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Hardy-Campbell is currently assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and is respected for her fairness, knowledge, and experience in family law. Judge Hardy-Campbell has an even temperament and diligently addresses the challenges of her assignment.

THOMAS L. HOGAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Thomas L. Hogan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Hogan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980 and has served as a judge since 1997. Judge Hogan currently presides in the Jury Section of the Law Division. Judge Hogan is hardworking and highly respected for his knowledge of the law and judicial ability. Judge Hogan is an experienced trial judge.

NATHANIEL R. HOWSE JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Howse was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1976. Judge Howse practiced law for 22 years before his election to the Circuit Court in 1998. After sitting in various civil courtrooms, Judge Howse was assigned to the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Howse is known for his calm demeanor and diligence. Those who have appeared before him find him to have a keen grasp of the law and enjoyed appearing in his courtroom.

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD**QUALIFIED**

Judge Hubbard is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Hubbard was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1970. She practiced in both the criminal and civil sectors. The candidate assumed the bench in 1997 and has presided over a variety of calls in the municipal dept and law division of circuit court. She has presided over a substantial number of jury trials in recent years. She possesses the qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

CHEYRL D. INGRAM**QUALIFIED**

Judge Cheyrl D. Ingram is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Ingram was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1979 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Ingram has a dual assignment in the Fourth Municipal District in Maywood and the Law Division and effectively runs a very diverse docket. Judge Ingram receives high marks from attorneys practicing across the spectrum of civil practice. Judge Ingram presents as a diligent and competent judge with an excellent demeanor.

RAYMOND L. JAGIELSKI**QUALIFIED**

Judge Raymond L. Jagielski is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Jagielski was admitted to practice law in 1981 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Jagielski serves as one of three supervising judges in the Bridgeview Court, Fifth Municipal District. Judge Jagielski is well regarded for his legal knowledge, diligence and ability. However, Judge Jagielski's temperament continues to be a problem and the candidate needs to effectively address this issue.

DOROTHY F. JONES**NOT RECOMMENDED**

The candidate declined to participate in the Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) screening process and, therefore, according to The Chicago Bar Association's governing resolution for the JEC, is automatically found NOT RECOMMENDED.

DANIEL E. JORDAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Daniel E. Jordan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Jordan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1981. Judge Jordan has served as a judge since 1992 and is currently assigned to the Second Municipal District in Skokie. Judge Jordan receives high marks from those who regularly appear before him. Judge Jordan efficiently runs a high volume courtroom and is well suited for his assignment.

MICHELLE JORDAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Michelle Jordan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Jordan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1977 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Jordan is currently assigned to Branch 38 (felony preliminary hearing) in the First Municipal Division. Judge Jordan is dedicated, articulate, and well regarded by lawyers who appear before her for her knowledge of the law and legal ability.

THOMAS J. KELLEY**QUALIFIED**

Judge Thomas J. Kelley is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Kelley was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1984 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Kelley is currently assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and occasionally hears paternity cases and orders of protection in the Domestic Violence Court. Judge Kelley is hardworking and has an excellent temperament and demeanor.

CAROL A. KELLY**QUALIFIED**

Judge Carol A. Kelly is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Kelly was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1977 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Kelly is currently assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division and is well respected for her legal knowledge and ability, integrity, and work ethic.

JOHN PATRICK KIRBY**QUALIFIED**

Judge John Patrick Kirby is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Kirby was admitted to practice law in 1983 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Kirby is assigned to the Criminal Court at 26th and California and is well respected for his knowledge of the law, experience, and outstanding demeanor. Judge Kirby is dedicated to improving the criminal justice system and is to be commended for his work in establishing a special criminal call for Veterans and Youthful Offenders. These initiatives required Judge Kirby to work closely with the U.S. Veterans Administration, the Chicago Public Schools, and the Court.

WILLIAM J. KUNKLE**QUALIFIED**

Judge William J. Kunkle is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Kunkle was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1969 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Kunkle is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District. Judge Kunkle is a seasoned judge with a comprehensive knowledge of criminal law. Judge Kunkle is hardworking and possesses an even temperament.

BERTINA E. LAMPKIN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Bertina Lampkin is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Lampkin was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1974 and became an Associate Judge in 1987. Judge Lampkin was elected to the Circuit Court in 1992 and is currently a supervising judge in the Criminal Division. Judge Lampkin is dedicated, hardworking, and highly regarded for her knowledge of the law and outstanding judicial service.

DIANE JOAN LARSEN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Diane Joan Larsen is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Larsen was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1983 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Larsen is currently assigned to the motion call in the Law Division. Judge Larsen is hardworking and well regarded for her legal knowledge and integrity. Judge Larsen is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars and is an instructor for new judges.

JEFFREY LAWRENCE**QUALIFIED**

Judge Jeffrey Lawrence is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Lawrence was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1969 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Lawrence is currently assigned to the motion call in the Law Division. Judge Lawrence possesses the requisite legal knowledge, ability, and integrity to be retained.

DANIEL JOSEPH LYNCH**QUALIFIED**

Judge Daniel Joseph Lynch is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Lynch was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1988 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Lynch is a knowledgeable and energetic judge. Although his practice before becoming a judge concentrated in criminal law, he has quickly grasped civil law and has gained the respect of the lawyers who appear before him. Judge Lynch enjoys the challenges of learning new areas and rises to the demands of a challenging call.

WILLIAM D. MADDUX**QUALIFIED**

Judge William D. Maddux is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Maddux was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1959 and has served as a judge since 1991. Judge Maddux has served as presiding judge of the Law Division since 2001. Judge Maddux has had considerable trial experience, both as a lawyer and a judge, and is well regarded for his knowledge of the law and excellent administrative skills. Judge Maddux is innovative and has worked diligently to effectively manage and reduce the disposition time from filing to trial for all cases filed in the Law Division.

WILLIAM MAKI**QUALIFIED**

Judge William Maki is “Qualified” for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Maki was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1973. Judge Maki has served as a judge since 1992 and is currently sitting in the Chancery Division. Judge Maki is well-known for his unquestioned integrity and work ethic. Those who appear before him praise him for his demeanor and legal knowledge.

LEROY K. MARTIN, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Leroy K. Martin, Jr. is “Qualified” for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Martin was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1984 and has served as a judge since 2002. Judge Martin is dedicated, has an excellent demeanor, and receives high marks from the attorneys who appear before him. Judge Martin has worked diligently in his Chancery assignment and is a credit to the bench.

JAMES PATRICK MCCARTHY**QUALIFIED**

Judge James Patrick McCarthy is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge McCarthy was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1978 and has served as a judge since 1996. Judge McCarthy is a trial judge in the Law Division and is well regarded for his legal knowledge, integrity, diligence, and even temperament.

SUSAN JEANINE MCDUNN**NOT RECOMMENDED**

Judge Susan Jeanine McDunn is “Not Recommended” for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge McDunn was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980 and has served as a judge since 1993. Since 2007, Judge McDunn has served in the Law Division and is considered a hard worker. However, Judge McDunn does not possess the requisite legal knowledge and ability to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

CLARE ELIZABETH MCWILLIAMS**QUALIFIED**

Judge Clare Elizabeth McWilliams is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge McWilliams was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1998 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge McWilliams is currently assigned to the Law Division, where she presides over jury trials and is held in high esteem by attorneys appearing before her. Judge McWilliams is hardworking and well regarded for her knowledge of the law and calm demeanor.

MARY LANE MIKVA**QUALIFIED**

Judge Mary Lane Mikva is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Mikva was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980 and has served as a judge since 2004. For the past six years, Judge Mikva has served in the Circuit Court's Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Division. Judge Mikva is well versed in the law and prepares a legal update for the judges in her division. Judge Mikva has a fine judicial temperament and goes beyond the basics to keep the court working well for all parties.

PATRICK T. MURPHY**QUALIFIED**

Judge Patrick T. Murphy is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Murphy was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1965. Judge Murphy practiced law for 40 years prior to his election to the Circuit Court, including over 25 years as the Cook County Public Guardian. Judge Murphy is well-known for his diligence, punctuality, and hard work. Those who appear before him find him to be earnest with a good grasp of the law. Judge Murphy's integrity is unquestioned and he has demonstrated the requisite qualities necessary to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

TIMOTHY PATRICK MURPHY**QUALIFIED**

Judge Timothy Patrick Murphy is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Murphy was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1984 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Murphy is devoted to the law and has performed well in his current assignment in the Domestic Relations Division. Judge Murphy knows the law, has a fine judicial temperament and is considerate of the litigants who appear in his court.

DONALD J. O'BRIEN, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge Donald J. O'Brien, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge O'Brien was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1963 and has served as a judge since 1990. Judge O'Brien enjoys an outstanding reputation and is well regarded for his vast knowledge of the law, integrity, and judicial experience and is recommended for retention.

WILLIAM D. O'NEAL**NOT RECOMMENDED**

The candidate declined to participate in the Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) screening process and, therefore, according to The Chicago Bar Association's governing resolution for the JEC, is automatically found NOT RECOMMENDED.

KATHLEEN MARY PANTLE**QUALIFIED**

Judge Kathleen Mary Pantle is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Pantle was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1982 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Pantle is well regarded by litigants for her knowledge of the law and fine judicial temperament. Judge Pantle presides over complex cases with an excellent base of knowledge and hard work. Judge Pantle has grown and met the challenge of moving from criminal to civil practice as a judge. Judge Pantle is an asset to the bench.

SHERYL ANN PETHERS**QUALIFIED**

Judge Sheryl Ann Pethers is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Pethers was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1991 and has served as a judge since 2004. Judge Pethers is currently assigned to the First Municipal District, where she hears non-jury civil cases. Judge Pethers must continue to improve her temperament, but possesses the requisite legal knowledge and ability to be retained.

ROBERT J. QUINN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Robert J. Quinn is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Quinn was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1983 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Quinn is currently assigned to the Mechanics Lien Section of the Chancery Division and is well suited to his assignment. Judge Quinn is very knowledgeable in this area of the law and is working to address concerns regarding his temperament.

JIM RYAN**NOT RECOMMENDED**

Judge Jim Ryan is "Not Recommended" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Ryan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1992 and was elected to the Circuit Court in 2004. Judge Ryan does not possess the requisite legal knowledge, ability, and temperament to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

LEIDA J. GONZALEZ SANTIAGO**QUALIFIED**

Judge Leida J. Gonzalez Santiago is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Santiago was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Santiago is assigned to the Domestic Relations Division and receives good reviews from those who appear before in her court.

KEVIN MICHAEL SHEEHAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Kevin Michael Sheehan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Sheehan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1983. Judge Sheehan practiced law for 15 years prior to assuming the bench in 1998. Judge Sheehan has served as a trial judge in the Criminal Court Division, presiding over felony trials for the last three years. Judge Sheehan is respected by the attorneys who appear before him for his knowledge of the law, ability, and fine temperament.

IRWIN J. SOLGANICK**QUALIFIED**

Judge Irwin J. Solganick is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Solganick was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1972 and has served as a judge since 1986. Judge Solganick is currently assigned to a trial call in the Law Division. Judge Solganick has a keen grasp of the law and is an experienced judge with unquestioned integrity.

PAUL STRALKA**QUALIFIED**

Judge Paul Stralka is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Stralka was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1976 and has served as a judge since 1999. Judge Stralka is assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division. Judge Stralka is very knowledgeable about juvenile law and devoted to his work. Judge Stralka effectively manages his court call and is well regarded by lawyers who appear in his court.

DANIEL J. SULLIVAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Daniel J. Sullivan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Sullivan was admitted to practice law in 1985 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Sullivan is experienced and has presided over matters in the Domestic Relations Division for 18 years. Judge Sullivan is well respected for his temperament and treatment of litigants.

SHARON MARIE SULLIVAN**QUALIFIED**

Judge Sharon Sullivan is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Sullivan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980 and has served as a judge since 1992. Judge Sullivan's background as a lawyer was both in private practice and in government, all in the civil arena. Since 2000, Judge Sullivan has presided over criminal felony cases in Skokie. Judge Sullivan is a well-respected, experienced judge who is passionate about her work and has a fine judicial temperament.

JOHN D. TURNER, JR.**QUALIFIED**

Judge John D. Turner, Jr. is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Turner was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1984 and has served as a judge since 1998. Judge Turner is assigned to the Sixth Municipal District and, since his election to the bench, has continued to improve his judicial skills. Judge Turner manages his court call effectively and possesses the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

EDWARD "ED" WASHINGTON, II**QUALIFIED**

Judge Edward Washington, II is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Washington was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1983. Judge Washington was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in 2002 and elected to the Circuit Court in 2004. Judge Washington serves in a variety of assignments on the bench. He has served as a trial judge in the Law Division, presiding over complex cases. Judge Washington has an excellent demeanor and possesses the depth and breadth of experience to be retained.

ALEXANDER PATRICK WHITE**QUALIFIED**

Judge Alexander Patrick White is "Qualified" for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge White was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1964 and has served as a judge since 1986. For most of his judicial career, Judge White has served in the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Law Division. Judge White is hardworking and well regarded for his knowledge of the law, ability, diligence, and even temperament.

SUSAN FRANCES ZWICK**QUALIFIED**

Judge Susan Frances Zwick is “Qualified” for retention as a Circuit Court Judge. Judge Zwick was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1980. Judge Zwick worked as a litigation and appellate lawyer from 1980 to 1992 when she assumed the bench. Judge Zwick has presided over calls in the Domestic Relations Division and has served as a trial judge since 2007 in the Law Division, presiding over jury trials. Judge Zwick possesses the judicial knowledge and experience to be qualified for retention.

**THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION FINDINGS
FOR ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT CANDIDATES**

On September 13, 2010, The Chicago Bar Association released its findings for the **3** candidates running to fill the McNulty, O'Malley and South vacancies on the Illinois Appellate Court in the November 2 general election. The JEC has found **2** of those candidates **Qualified** and **1** candidate **Not Recommended**.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR EACH APPELLATE COURT CANDIDATE.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
(Vacancy of McNulty)

JAMES R. EPSTEIN (D)

QUALIFIED

Judge James Richard Epstein is “Qualified” for the office of Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Epstein was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1978 and became a judge in 1999. Judge Epstein has presided over complex civil and criminal calls and is highly regarded for his knowledge of the law. Judge Epstein is an experienced jurist who possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve on the Illinois Appellate Court.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
(Vacancy of O’Malley)

AURELIA MARIE PUCINSKI (D)

NOT RECOMMENDED

Judge Aurelia Marie Pucinski is "Not Recommended" for the office of Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Pucinski was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1976 and was engaged in private practice until her election as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1988. Judge Pucinski served as Clerk of the Court until 2000. Judge Pucinski also served as Chair of the Environmental Regulatory Review Commission in 2002-03 and from 2003-04 as Special Assistant to the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. In 2004, Judge Pucinski was elected to the bench and has served in the First Municipal, Domestic Relations, and County Divisions. Judge Pucinski is well regarded for her diligence and work ethic, but lacks the depth and breadth of legal knowledge to serve as an Appellate Court Justice.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
(Vacancy of South)

MARY KATHERINE ROCHFORD (D)

QUALIFIED

Judge Mary Katherine Rochford is “Qualified” for the office of Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Judge Rochford was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1979 and served as an Associate Judge from 1991-2006. Judge Rochford was elected to the Circuit Court in 2006 and has presided over both civil and criminal calls. Judge Rochford is currently assigned to the Chancery Division. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Rochford had an extensive appellate practice. Judge Rochford is a highly respected legal scholar who possesses all the requisite qualifications for service on the Illinois Appellate Court.

**THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION FINDINGS FOR
COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND SUBCIRCUIT COURT VACANCIES**

On September 13, 2010, The Chicago Bar Association released the results of independent screenings of the 22 judicial candidates seeking Cook County Circuit Court positions in the November 2, 2010 election.

Of the **22** candidates seeking election for Circuit Court positions, 21 were screened by the Judicial Evaluation Committee of the CBA. The JEC has found **4** of those candidates **Highly Qualified**, **14 Qualified** and **3 Not Recommended**. **One** candidate who declined to participate in the JEC screening process was found automatically "**Not Recommended**" according to JEC governing bylaws.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR EACH CIRCUIT AND SUBCIRCUIT COURT CANDIDATE.

FINDINGS FOR COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT VACANCIES

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of Berland)

WILLIAM H. HOOKS (D)

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

William H. Hooks is "Highly Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Hooks was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1981 and has extensive litigation experience in both the state and federal courts. Mr. Hooks has served as a prosecutor and defense attorney and has taught Advanced Trial Advocacy at DePaul University College of Law, Trial Advocacy at IIT-Kent College of Law, and Intense Trial Advocacy at the University of Chicago's Mandel Legal Clinic. Mr. Hooks also served as Chair of the Hearing Division of the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission from 1994-2007. Mr. Hooks is highly regarded for his knowledge of the law and exceptional trial skills. Mr. Hooks is also actively involved in community service and is committed to continuing legal education and pro bono practice. Mr. Hooks is highly regarded by members of the bench and the bar and will be an asset to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of Bronstein)

TERRY MACCARTHY (D)

QUALIFIED

Terence Fulton MacCarthy is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. MacCarthy was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1990 and is well regarded for his knowledge of the law and trial skills. Mr. MacCarthy teaches trial advocacy on a local and national level and is a leading expert on evidence. Mr. MacCarthy is committed to the law and to public service and possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of Dolan)

SUSAN KENNEDY SULLIVAN (D)

QUALIFIED

Susan Kennedy Sullivan is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Sullivan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994 and concentrates in elder law and probate court work. Ms. Sullivan possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of Hayes)

RAYMOND W. MITCHELL (D)

QUALIFIED

Raymond W. Mitchell is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Mitchell was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1993. Mr. Mitchell has trial and appellate experience and has handled complex cases in both the trial and appellate courts. Mr. Mitchell receives high marks from his colleagues and opponents for his knowledge of the law, legal ability, diligence, and integrity.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of Kelley)

JOHN PATRICK CALLAHAN, JR. (D)

QUALIFIED

Judge John P. Callahan, Jr. is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Judge Callahan was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1988 and served as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney for eight years. Mr. Callahan practiced law from 1996-2009 before his appointment to the bench in September. Judge Callahan possesses an outstanding temperament and is well respected for his knowledge of civil and criminal law.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Vacancy of McCarthy)

DANIEL J. GALLAGHER (D)

QUALIFIED

Daniel J. Gallagher is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Gallagher was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994. Mr. Gallagher serves as an Assistant Cook County Public Defender and is assigned to the Felony Trial Division. Mr. Gallagher is highly regarded by his peers and adversaries for his legal knowledge and ability. He is known as a passionate advocate and must continue to work on appropriate courtroom civility and decorum. He possesses the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

MAUREEN MASTERSON PULIA (R)

QUALIFIED

Maureen Masterson Pulia is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Pulia was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994 and serves as an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. Ms. Pulia is noted for her fine temperament and possesses all the requisite experience to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Vacancy of O'Malley)

THOMAS V. LYONS (D)

QUALIFIED

Thomas V. Lyons is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Lyons was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1987 and has experience in both civil and criminal law. Mr. Lyons has a fine temperament and possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

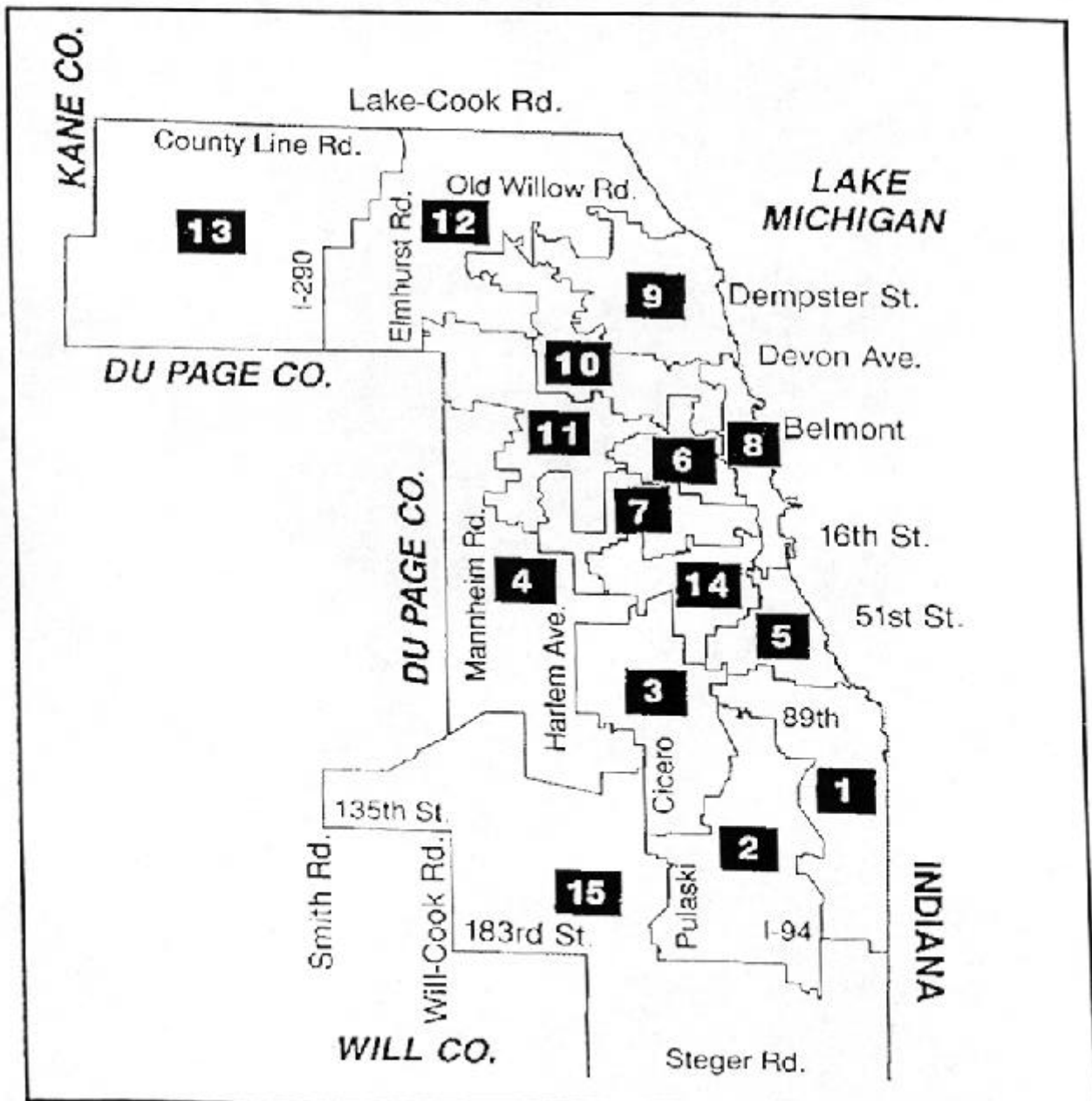
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Vacancy of Riley)

SANDRA G. RAMOS (D)**

NOT RECOMMENDED

Sandra Gisela Ramos is "Not Recommended" for the office of Associate Judge. Ms. Ramos was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1986 and served as an Assistant State's Attorney for eight years. Since 1994, Ms. Ramos has been in private practice as a solo practitioner concentrating primarily in criminal defense. Ms. Ramos possesses the requisite litigation and jury trial experience in criminal law, but lacks knowledge and experience in civil practice. Concerns were raised about Ms. Ramos' temperament and ability to effectively manage a high volume court call.

COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



FINDINGS FOR COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT COURT VACANCIES

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Subcircuit 1 - Vacancy of Coleman)

THADDEUS L. WILSON (D)

QUALIFIED

Thaddeus L. Wilson is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Wilson was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994 and is experienced in both civil and criminal law. Mr. Wilson has also served as an arbitrator and as a hearing officer for the Board of Election Commissioners. Mr. Wilson possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Subcircuit 1 - Vacancy of Steele)

SHARON ODEN JOHNSON (D)

NOT RECOMMENDED

The candidate declined to participate in the Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) screening process and, therefore, according to The Chicago Bar Association's governing resolution for the JEC, is automatically found NOT RECOMMENDED.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Subcircuit 1 Addl Judge A)

BONITA COLEMAN JOHN (D)

NOT RECOMMENDED

Bonita Coleman-John is "Not Recommended" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Coleman-John was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1992 and concentrates her practice in domestic relations, real estate, criminal and probate matters. While Ms. Coleman-John was found qualified for service as an Associate Judge, at this stage of her career, she does not possess the requisite depth and breadth of experience to serve as a full Circuit Court Judge. It is recommended that Ms. Coleman-John obtain additional practice experience before reapplying for a Circuit Court position.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 3 - Vacancy of Carmody, Jr.)

ALLEN F. MURPHY (D)

QUALIFIED

Allen Murphy is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Murphy was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1991 and has had a distinguished career in both the Public Guardian's office and as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney. Mr. Murphy has extensive experience in criminal law and is well respected by his peers for his fine temperament, legal knowledge and ability.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 3 - Vacancy of Darcy)

EDWARD HARMENING (D)

QUALIFIED

Edward S. Harmening is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Harmening was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994 and currently serves as a Cook County State's Attorney supervising several litigation attorneys handling civil matters. Mr. Harmening has a wide variety of practice experience and is well regarded for his calm demeanor and temperament. Mr. Harmening would be an excellent addition to the bench.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 3 - Addl Judge A)

DANIEL MALONE (D)

QUALIFIED

Daniel B. Malone is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Malone was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1986 and has extensive trial experience. Mr. Malone is a seasoned practitioner who possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 9 - Vacancy of Otaka)

GEARY W. KULL (D)

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

Geary W. Kull is "Highly Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Kull was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1974 and has extensive trial and appellate experience. Mr. Kull is highly regarded for his knowledge of the law, legal ability, and outstanding temperament.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 9 - Addl Judge A)

STEVEN JAMES "STEVE" BERNSTEIN (D)

NOT RECOMMENDED

Steven James Bernstein is "Not Recommended" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Bernstein was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1971. Mr. Bernstein was engaged in private practice for twenty-eight years and for the past several years has served in an administrative and research position with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Mr. Bernstein has been active in local government for the City of Evanston and served as: Alderman of the 4th Ward from 1997-2009; Democratic Committeeman 2003-04; and Township Assessor from 1991-1997. In recent years, Mr. Bernstein's court experience has been minimal and concerns were raised about his legal knowledge and ability to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 11 - Vacancy of Riley)

ANN FINLEY COLLINS (D)

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

Ann Finley Collins is "Highly Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Collins was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985 and has served as an Assistant Cook County Public Defender her entire career. Since 1997, Ms. Collins has served in the Homicide Task Force and has tried approximately ninety (90) jury trials. Ms. Collins is highly regarded for her outstanding trial skills, fine demeanor, and dedication to the law. In addition, Ms. Collins has been active in teaching and lecturing at the University of Chicago Law School.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 14 - Addl Judge A)

DANIEL JAMES PIERCE (D)

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

Daniel J. Pierce is "Highly Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Pierce was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1972 and has extensive experience in both civil and criminal law. Mr. Pierce is well regarded for his knowledge of the law, legal ability, and outstanding demeanor. Mr. Pierce is also actively involved in the work of the organized bar and community affairs.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 15 - Vacancy of Lipinski)

LINZEY D. JONES (D)

QUALIFIED

Linzey D. Jones, Jr. is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Jones was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1982 and concentrates his practice in labor and employment law. Throughout his legal career, Mr. Jones has been very active in civic and community affairs. Since 1997, Mr. Jones has served as Village President of Olympia Fields and is a highly respected community leader. Mr. Jones is well regarded for his fine demeanor, legal knowledge, and problem solving ability.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Subcircuit 15 - Vacancy of Panichi)

GEORGE F. SCULLY (D)

QUALIFIED

George F. Scully, Jr. is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Scully was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1981 and possesses the requisite depth and breadth of legal experience to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
(Subcircuit 15 - Vacancy of Phelan)

JOHN C. GRIFFIN (D)

QUALIFIED

John C. Griffin is "Qualified" for the office of Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Griffin was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1976 and has a wide range of civil litigation experience. Mr. Griffin has an outstanding demeanor and possesses all the requisite qualifications to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

** Pursuant to Section 27.4 of the JEC Resolutions and Procedures, a candidate who has been evaluated and found "NOT RECOMMENDED" for the office of Associate Judge and who shall within two years of such a finding be a candidate for Circuit Judge shall be found "NOT RECOMMENDED" without hearing



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