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## **CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION RELEASES FINDINGS ON CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR JUDGE**

CHICAGO, ILL. (September 26, 2012)— Today, The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) released the findings of its Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) for the 58 judges running for retention in the November 6, 2012 general election and for the 45 candidates wishing to fill vacancies on the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court and the Circuit Court of Cook County (including Subcircuits). The CBA urges voters to vote “No” for candidates found “NOT RECOMMENDED.”

Of the judges on the retention ballot, The CBA found the only Appellate judge seeking retention, James Fitzgerald Smith, “Qualified.” Of the Cook County Circuit Court judges seeking retention, seven were found “Not Recommended.”

The in-depth findings and explanations of findings, visit the CBA online at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org). Visitors to the website may also download the booklet the “Green Guide to Judicial Candidates in Cook County” or a copy of the pocket guide, which includes the ballot numbers for each judicial candidate. Voters may take this information into the voting booth for easy reference.

**FOR RETENTION AS A JUDGE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT**  
James Fitzgerald Smith QUALIFIED

**FOR RETENTION AS A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**

QUALIFIED

Martin S. Agran	Michael J. Howlett, Jr.	Drella C. Savage
Patricia Banks	Moshe Jacobius	Colleen F. Sheehan
Ronald F. Bartkowicz	Paul A. Karkula	Diane M. Shelley
Carole Kamin Bellows	Joseph G. Kazmierski, Jr.	James M. Varga
Maura Slattery Boyle	Stuart F. Lubin	Carl Anthony Walker
Daniel Patrick Brennan	Marvin P. Luckman	Richard F. Walsh
Mary Margaret Brosnahan	Marcia Maras	Camille E. Willis
Robert Lopez Cepero	Jill C. Marisie	E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.
Matthew E. Coghlan	James Michael McGing	
Maureen Elizabeth Connors	Mike McHale	
Grace G. Dickler	James Patrick Murphy	
Christopher Donnelly	Thomas W. Murphy	
Kathy M. Flanagan	Marya Nega	
Ellen L. Flannigan	P. Scott Neville, Jr.	
Peter Flynn	Joan Margaret O'Brien	
Raymond Funderburk	Patrick W. "Pat" O'Brien	
Joyce Marie Murphy Gorman	Ramon Ocasio III	
Catherine Marie Haberkorn	Stuart E. Palmer	
Orville E. Hambright	Lee Preston	
Garritt E. Howard	Mary Colleen Roberts	
Carol M. Howard	Thomas David Roti	

NOT RECOMMENDED

Cynthia Brim	Rodney Hughes Brooks	Gloria Chevere
Loretta Eadie-Daniels	James D. Egan	Pamela E. Hill-Veal
Lisa Ruble Murphy		

**The JEC results for judges and judicial candidates previously screened for the March 2012 primary are as follows. The candidates who declined to participate in the JEC screening process (\*) were found automatically “Not Recommended.”**

**FOR JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT**

Mary Jane Theis (D)    HIGHLY QUALIFIED                      James Gerard Riley ( R)    QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT**

Mathias William Delort (D)	HIGHLY QUALIFIED
Nathaniel Roosevelt Howse, Jr. (D)	HIGHLY QUALIFIED
P. Scott Neville, Jr. (D)	QUALIFIED

Jesse G. Reyes (D) QUALIFIED  
Maureen Elizabeth Connors (D) QUALIFIED  
Terrence J. Lavin (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Conlon)**

Karen Lynn O'Malley (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Jordan)**

Jean Prendergast Rooney (D) HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Kirie Kinnaird)**

Erica L. Reddick (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Moran)**

Russell W. Hartigan (D) HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (O'Brien, Jr.)**

Cynthia Ramirez (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (O'Mara Frossard)**

Diann Karen Marsalek (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Pucinski)**

Lorna Ellen Propes (D) HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Simmons, Jr.)**

Jessica A. O'Brien (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Stewart)**

Pamela M. Leeming (D) QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY (Stralka)**

Michael Tully Mullen (D) HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**

Elizabeth Mary Hayes (D) NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 2nd Subcircuit (Vacancy of Stuttley)**

Carl B. Boyd (D) NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 3rd Subcircuit (Vacancy of McGann)**

Maureen Leahy Delehanty (D) QUALIFIED

**Judge, 3rd Subcircuit (Vacancy of McSweeney Moore)**

Daniel R. Degnan (D) NOT RECOMMENDED\*

**Judge, 4th Subcircuit (Additional Judgeship A)**

Edward M. Maloney (D) QUALIFIED

Christine Cook ( R) QUALIFIED

**Judge, 4th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Riley)**

Terry Gallagher (D) QUALIFIED

Harry J. Fournier ( R) NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 6th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Delgado)**

Beatriz Santiago (D) NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 7th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Jones)**

Aicha Marie MacCarthy (D) NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 7th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Starks)**

Tommy Brewer (D) QUALIFIED

**Judge, 7th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Terrell)**

William G. Gamboney (D)                      HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**Judge, 7th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Toney)**

Kimberly D. Lewis (D)                      NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 8th Subcircuit (Additional Judgeship A)**

Laura Liu (D)                                      QUALIFIED

**Judge, 8th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Chiola)**

Celia Louise Gamrath (D)                      HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**Judge, 8th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Cole)**

John H. Ehrlich (D)                              HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**Judge, 8th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Durkin Roy)**

Deborah Jean Gubin (D)                      QUALIFIED

**Judge, 9th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Bender)**

Lionel Jean-Baptiste (D)                      QUALIFIED

**Judge, 9th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Epstein)**

Larry G. Axelrood (D)                      HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**Judge, 10th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Locallo)**

Thomas R. Allen (D)                              QUALIFIED

**Judge, 11th Subcircuit (Vacancy of O'Brien)**

Michael R. Clancy (D)                      QUALIFIED

**Judge, 11th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Urso)**

Lisa Ann Marino (D)                              QUALIFIED

**Judge, 12th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Rochford)**

Andrea M. Schleifer (D)                      QUALIFIED  
James Paul Pieczonka (R )                NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 13th Subcircuit (Additional Judgeship A)**

Martin C. Kelley (R )                      NOT RECOMMENDED

**Judge, 13th Subcircuit (Vacancy of Pietrucha)**

Paul S. Pavlus (R )                        QUALIFIED

**Judge, 14th Subcircuit (Vacancy of O'Gara)**

Regina Ann Scannicchio (D)            QUALIFIED

The JEC process is widely recognized as a thorough, comprehensive peer review requiring thousands of volunteer hours by the 200 member JEC. It fulfills the CBA's ongoing commitment to improve its 100-year-old judicial evaluation process and increase public understanding of and participation in that process.

The pocket guide version of the JEC evaluations and the full statements of reason for each candidate's evaluation are available on the CBA web site at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org). Voters may also call the CBA Election Hotline at 312 554-2096 to hear a recording of the JEC evaluations for all the above mentioned candidates and races. To request information through the mail, call the CBA Office of Public Affairs at 312-554-2013 or stop by the CBA office at 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL.