

November 6, 2012 General Election

Judicial Candidates Seeking to Fill Vacancies:

Hon. Carol Pope, Appellate Court: Highly Qualified

Justice Pope has served on the Fourth District Appellate Court since December 2008. As an appellate court justice, she has been described as committed to the bench and bar. Prior to joining the Court, she served as a Circuit Judge in the 8th Circuit for 17 years. Additionally, she served as the Menard County State's Attorney from 1984-1991. Justice Pope has served as an Officer of the Illinois Judges Association (IJA) for four years and currently serves as its President. She advances the profession through her work for the IJA, which includes developing a program called "Bringing the Courtroom to the Classroom" that trains judges to teach high school students about the role of the courts and Constitutional issues. Justice Pope is known to have integrity, character and an excellent legal ability. **The Illinois State Bar Association has rated Justice Pope as Highly Qualified to serve on the Fourth District Appellate Court.**

Judicial Candidates Seeking Retention:

Hon. Rita B. Garman, Supreme Court: Yes for Retention

Justice Garman seeks retention to the Illinois Supreme Court. She was appointed to the Fourth District seat on the Supreme Court in February 2001, elected in 2002, and is completing her first term. Prior to her election to the Illinois Supreme Court, she served on both the Appellate and Circuit Courts of the State of Illinois. Before joining the judiciary, she was in private practice in Danville, Illinois. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Judges Association, Vermilion County Bar Association, East Central Illinois Women's Bar Association, Central Illinois Women's Bar Association, and Lincoln-Douglas Inn of Court. She enjoys an extraordinary reputation for both candor and scholarship from both her colleagues on the Supreme Court and attorneys who appear before them. Her opinions are timely, showing no bias: her questions during oral argument are relevant and indicate she is thoroughly familiar with briefs which have been submitted. **The Illinois State Bar Association recommends "yes" for Justice Garman's retention.**

Hon. John W. Turner, Appellate Court: Yes for Retention

Justice Turner has served on the Fourth District Appellate Court since June 1, 2001 and currently is the presiding justice. He was elected in 2002, and is completing his first term. As an appellate court justice, he has been described as well-rounded, knowledgeable, and dedicated. Prior to joining the court he was the Logan County Public Defender from 1984 to 1987, Logan County State's Attorney from 1987 to 1994, and a member of the Illinois House of Representative from 1994 to 2001. His work as a legislator has brought unique insight to the appellate court. He is well-respected by attorneys as an impartial and fair jurist. **The Illinois State Bar Association recommends "yes" for Justice Turner's retention.**

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Candidates must receive 65% “yes” response to the question regarding Meets Requirements Of Office in order to be Recommended.

The poll of lawyers is conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association.

Opinions expressed are of those lawyers who chose to respond and not of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Judicial Candidates Seeking to Fill Vacancies:

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Fourth District Vacancy, Appellate Ballots mailed – 2117 Ballots returned – 720									
Carol Pope	R	88.81	95.96	83.67	90.91	88.51	96.61	98.63	91.92

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - Vacancy Ballots mailed – 471 Ballots returned – 172									
Rebecca Simmons Foley	R	95.31	98.45	97.67	96.06	96.12	99.22	100.00	98.45
Paul Lawrence	R	95.10	96.53	95.14	93.71	97.22	97.90	98.60	97.90

Judicial Candidates Seeking Retention:

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Fourth District Retention, Supreme Ballots mailed – 2166 Ballots returned – 762									
Rita B. Garman	R	95.87	98.04	93.91	98.05	98.70	98.91	99.12	97.39

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Fourth District Retention, Appellate Ballots mailed – 2166 Ballots returned – 762									
John Turner	R	93.70	97.21	93.25	94.44	98.02	98.40	99.60	95.18

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - Retention Ballots mailed – 473 Ballots returned – 163									
Kevin P. Fitzgerald	R	97.35	97.35	94.64	97.32	95.58	97.32	98.21	94.69
Elizabeth A. Robb	R	92.25	96.09	91.41	92.19	92.91	95.31	96.85	96.88