

**November 6, 2012 General Election**

**Judicial Candidate Seeking to Fill Vacancies:**

Joseph E. Birkett, Appellate Court: Qualified

Justice Birkett was appointed to the Second District Appellate Court in December 2010. As an appellate court justice, he has been described as having an extraordinary work ethic. From 1981 until his appointment to the appellate bench, Justice Birkett served in the DuPage County State's Attorney's office rising through the ranks to become the elected State's Attorney in 1996. During his time as State's Attorney, Justice Birkett served on various boards and commissions receiving numerous awards for prosecutorial excellence. He has contributed to the legal profession through his presentations and writings in the area of criminal justice, as well as through his work in influencing legislation. Justice Birkett has served as an instructor for the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office and for the Association of Government Attorney's in Capital Litigation. Justice Birkett's influence on legislation and contributions to criminal law are noteworthy. **The Illinois State Bar Association has rated Justice Birkett as Qualified to serve on the Second District Appellate Court.**

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.

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	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b>Second District Vacancy, Appellate</b> Ballots mailed – <b>5016</b> Ballots returned – <b>965</b>									
Joe Birkett	NR	57.18	68.41	54.57	79.55	68.44	83.98	94.51	66.76

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<b>Twenty-third Judicial Circuit - Vacancy</b> Ballots mailed – <b>188</b> Ballots returned – <b>61</b>									
Melissa S. Barnhart	R	96.15	96.23	98.11	96.23	96.23	98.11	100.00	94.34
Bill Brady	R	84.00	98.00	82.35	96.15	84.62	64.71	100.00	84.62
Ronald G. Matekaitis	R	84.62	90.57	82.69	75.47	94.23	88.48	98.11	92.45

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