

November 6, 2012 General Election

Judicial Candidates Seeking to Fill Vacancies:

Judy L. Cates, Appellate Court: Highly Qualified

Judy Cates is the principal of The Cates Law Firm, L.L.C. in Swansea, Illinois. For nearly thirty-three years, Judy Cates has represented individuals in personal injury litigation ranging from mass torts, medical malpractice, and railroad liability; as well as assisting municipalities including the Village of Swansea and the Swansea Police Department. Her nationwide complex litigation practice also includes resolving commercial disputes and defending corporations in class action litigation. She also serves as an arbitrator and mediator in complex cases. Judy Cates is well-respected for her legal knowledge and ability. She has served as the president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and has received numerous national and local honors. She is very active in speaking and publishing on legal issues. Judy Cates regularly represents individuals who cannot afford a lawyer. She has served on the school boards for the Whiteside Grade School District #115, and Belleville High School District #201. She also received an appointment as a public board member of the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Commission. She teaches courses in complex litigation at Saint Louis University School of Law and Washington University School of Law. She also contributes to scholarships at Southwestern Illinois College in honor of her father, and Washington University School of Law. **The Illinois State Bar Association has rated Judy Cates as Highly Qualified as a candidate for the Fifth District Appellate Court.**

Hon. Stephen P. McGlynn, Appellate Court: Highly Qualified

In 2005, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Stephen McGlynn to serve as an Appellate Court Justice in the Fifth District. He authored and participated in hundreds of appeals involving a wide range of civil and criminal cases. In 2010, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Stephen McGlynn to serve as a circuit judge in the Saint Clair County Circuit Court. Judge McGlynn serves in a high volume courtroom where he presides over major civil, non-jury matters. Judge McGlynn also hears a wide range of cases, including real estate matters, insurance coverage disputes, and appeals from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. As a judge, Judge McGlynn is known for treating persons not represented by counsel with respect, reviewing court files before hearings, and making thoughtful rulings. He is well-respected by attorneys and parties as an impartial and fair judge. Before becoming a judge, Stephen McGlynn was a partner at McGlynn & McGlynn in Belleville, Illinois, where he engaged in general practice for nearly twenty-two years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois. He is also a Life Member of the East Saint Louis Chapter of the NAACP, where he received the NAACP Humanitarian Award and Equal Justice for All Award. As part of his work with the NAACP, Stephen McGlynn has provided legal services to those that the NAACP served and who could not afford a lawyer. **The Illinois State Bar Association has rated Stephen McGlynn as Highly Qualified as a candidate for the Fifth District Appellate Court.**

Judicial Candidate Seeking Retention:

Hon. Melissa A. Chapman, Appellate Court: Yes for Retention

Justice Chapman has served on the Fifth District Appellate Court since being appointed in September 2001. She was then elected in 2002, and is completing her first term. As an appellate court justice, Justice Chapman has been described as always being well-prepared and insightful with questions. She upholds the standards of civility and is known for treating litigants, both those represented by counsel and those appearing pro se, with respect and courtesy. During the time she served as the presiding judge of the Fifth District Appellate Court, she made substantial strides in protecting the rights of persons in involuntary commitment proceedings. Justice Chapman served for ten years on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions for civil cases and three years on the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Review Board. For the past six years, she has been active in mentoring high school students during the annual mock trial event hosted by the Edwardsville High School. **The Illinois State Bar Association recommends “yes” for Justice Chapman’s retention.**

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
Fifth District Vacancy, Appellate Ballots mailed – 1883 Ballots returned – 827									
Judy Cates	R	70.09	77.06	65.73	94.21	66.60	90.35	94.76	87.50
Stephen McGlynn	R	70.28	82.49	69.95	74.42	85.94	86.68	94.58	81.21

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Second Judicial Circuit - Vacancy Ballots mailed - 258 Ballots returned – 137									
Eric J. Dirnbeck	R	98.46	98.46	95.38	93.85	96.92	98.44	96.92	96.88
Nicole Villani	R	68.83	69.62	58.97	81.01	72.15	85.33	93.67	74.67
T. Scott Webb	R	94.29	97.14	97.22	100.00	94.44	97.22	100.00	94.44
Jo Beth Weber	R	79.37	98.41	90.48	66.67	90.48	90.32	98.41	96.77

Judicial Candidates Seeking Retention:

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Fifth District Retention, Appellate Ballots mailed – 1825 Ballots returned – 708									
Melissa Ann Chapman	R	86.49	90.45	81.98	88.29	94.03	93.09	99.10	94.31

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	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<u>Second Judicial Circuit</u> - Retention Ballots mailed - 202 Ballots returned – 91									
Melissa A. Drew	NR	52.54	75.44	68.42	47.46	52.54	55.93	92.98	74.14
Christopher L. Weber	R	96.15	98.11	98.11	96.15	96.23	96.23	100.00	98.11