

JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Resident Circuit Judge Vacancy

Candidates for a resident judge vacancy in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit have been rated in an advisory poll of lawyers conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). Ballots were sent to all ISBA members who practice or reside in the 17th Judicial Circuit. Licensed Illinois attorneys who are not members of the ISBA or are outside the circuit could request a ballot. The results of this poll are being released to the public at the request of Justice Lisa Holder White of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit <i>Winnebago and Boone Counties</i>	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias	Recommendation
Timothy Alan Martin	1	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
Erin Colleen Hannigan	62	Yes 84.48%	Yes 89.29%	Yes 78.30%	Yes 82.50%	Yes 80.40%	Yes 87.00%	Yes 74.10%

Release of poll results occurs only when a minimum number of 30 opinionated ballots have been received

***Opinions expressed in the poll are of those attorneys who chose to respond.
and do not reflect the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association or the opinion of all Illinois attorneys.***

How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

The Illinois State Bar Association Judicial Advisory Poll is conducted electronically and by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks election (except Cook County). Illinois licensed attorneys who are not members of the ISBA, or any Illinois licensed attorney outside the circuit or district, may request a ballot. Opinions expressed in the Poll are those of the attorneys who chose to respond to the Poll and their opinions do not reflect the opinions of the ISBA or the opinions of *all* Illinois attorneys.

Candidates are rated as “recommended” or “not recommended” based on whether respondents agree that the candidate “meets acceptable requirements for the office.” Candidates must receive at least 60% “agree” responses to that question in order to be rated as “Recommended”. Percentage is based on “agree” responses to each question; “no opinion” responses are not included.

Following are the questions asked on the poll. Questions on Temperament and Court management differ for those seeking a judicial vacancy and those seeking retention. Clarification of those differences are noted below.

RESPONDENT’S KNOWLEDGE – Do you have sufficient knowledge as to the qualifications of this candidate for this judicial office to give a fair, informed opinion as to those qualifications?

In your opinion, with respect to this judicial office and in off-the-bench conduct affecting the judicial office, will the candidate:

(Recommendation) Considering this applicant/candidate’s overall legal experience and qualifications, do you agree this applicant/candidate meets the requirements of the office?

(Integrity) Adhere to the high standards of integrity and ethical conduct required of the office both on and off the bench?

(Impartiality) Act and rule impartially and free of any predisposition or improper influence?

(Legal Ability) Have sufficient legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation to analyze legal issues, interpret and apply laws and rules, and issue well-reasoned rulings?

(Temperament)

for a judicial vacancy:

Exercise appropriate temperament with courtesy, consideration, firmness, fairness, patience and dignity?

for judicial retention:

Exercise the judicial temperament to serve with appropriate courtesy, consideration, firmness, fairness, patience and dignity?

(Court Management)

for a judicial vacancy:

Attend to all professional responsibilities including the management of cases/clients, and complete work in a prompt and skillful manner?

for judicial retention:

Diligently and promptly attend to the duties of the office and assure the steady progress of court business?

(Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias) Conduct self and deal with others appropriately to reduce or eliminate conduct or words which manifest bias based on race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or socio-economic status against parties, witnesses, counsel or others?