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ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

2016 General Election

JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS

Candidates seeking election or retention to the Appellate Court were reviewed in a comprehensive evaluation process. This involves a detailed background investigation by members of the ISBA Judicial Evaluations Committee, followed by an in-person interview of the candidate. The Committee then decides whether to rate a candidate seeking a judicial vacancy as Qualified, Highly Qualified or Not Qualified and those seeking retention as Recommended or Not Recommended. Ratings based on evaluations are the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association. The ratings for the appellate candidates/justices (outside of Cook county) appearing on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot are below.

3rd Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 21. The following counties fall under the Third Judicial District: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside and Will.

Vacancy

No vacancies in the 3rd Judicial District.

For Retention

	Rating	Narrative
Vicki Holder Wright	Recommended	Justice Wright has been a judge since 1991. From 1991 to 2006, Justice Wright was an Associate Circuit Court Judge in the 14th Judicial Circuit. In 2006, Justice Wright was elected to the Third District Appellate Court. Prior to becoming a judge, Justice Wright was an Assistant State's Attorney for Whiteside County for seven years. Justice Wright is considered to have good legal knowledge and is always prepared for oral argument when litigants appear before her. **The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County recommends Justice Wright for retention.**

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Judicial Evaluations (cont)

4th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11. The following counties fall under the Fourth Judicial District: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermillion and Woodford.

Vacancy

No vacancies in the 4th Judicial District.

For Retention

	Rating	Narrative
James Knecht	Recommended	Justice Knecht has been on the 4th District Appellate Court since 1986. Justice Knecht is well-versed in the law and is regarded as having excellent legal ability and temperament. He is a conscientious and hard-working justice who is well-regarded by both plaintiffs and defendants who practice before him. Justice Knecht is also very active in the community and volunteers with several organizations. **The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County recommends Justice Knecht for retention.**

Judicial Evaluations (cont)

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 20. The following counties fall under the Fifth Judicial District: *Alexander, Bond, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson*

For the vacancy of James M. Wexstten

	Rating	Narrative
James R. "Randy" Moore	Highly Qualified	Justice Moore was appointed to the Fifth District Appellate Court in December 2014 by the Illinois Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment, he served as a circuit court judge in the First Judicial Circuit, Williamson County, where he presided over a variety of cases. He has served as a circuit court judge since 2007. Before serving as a judge, he was a solo practitioner in Carterville, Williamson County. He also served as a city attorney for Carbondale, Illinois. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Southern Illinois University. **The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County rates Justice Moore as highly qualified to serve as a justice of the Fifth District Appellate Court.**
Jo Beth Weber	Highly Qualified	Judge Weber has served as the resident circuit judge in Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, since 2012. As a judge, she founded the Jefferson County drug and youth courts, and presides over a variety of cases. She also provides oversight of the courthouse and has led efforts to modernize the courtrooms. Before becoming a judge, she served as a Deputy in the Illinois State Appellate Defender's office, Associate General Counsel at Southern Illinois University, law clerk to four different appellate justices in the Fifth District, an attorney for the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and briefly served as an associate in a general practice law firm. Judge Weber is a native of Mount Vernon, having received her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Illinois. Judge Weber actively serves the Mount Vernon community in various roles. **The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County rates Judge Weber as highly qualified to serve as a justice of the Fifth District Appellate Court.**

Judicial Evaluations (cont)

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge (cont)

For the vacancy of Bruce D. Stewart

	Rating	Narrative
John B. Barberis	Not Qualified	
Brad K. Bleyer	Highly Qualified	Judge Bleyer has served as the circuit judge in Williamson County since 2004. He presides primarily over the civil division, although he has served in all divisions of the circuit court. A graduate of Southern Illinois University, he came to the bench after an extensive career as a trial attorney that spanned approximately 20 years. Prior to his career as an attorney he was a teacher and coached youth sports. Judge Bleyer is a native of Williamson County and enjoys a reputation among lawyers as being an impartial and fair jurist who manages his docket efficiently. **The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County rates Judge Bleyer as highly qualified to serve as a justice of the Fifth District Appellate Court.**

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

2016 General Election

JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLLS

In counties outside of Cook, ISBA conducts an advisory poll. The poll is conducted by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks election or a judge seeks retention. Licensed attorneys who are not members of ISBA, or any attorney outside the circuit or district may request a ballot. Candidates and judges are rated "recommended" or "not recommended" based on whether respondents agree that the candidate "meets acceptable requirements for the office". Those receiving 65 percent or more "yes" responses to that question are rated "recommended" and those receiving less than 65 percent are rated "not recommended." 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.

APPELLATE JUDGE CANDIDATES

3rd Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 21. The following counties fall under the Third Judicial District: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside and Will.

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 3rd Judicial District.									
Retention									
Vicki Holder Wright	NR	62.77	88.24	68.09	63.83	81.08	87.91	93.33	85.87

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

4th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11. The following counties fall under the Fourth Judicial District: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McLean, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermillion and Woodford.

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 4th Judicial District.									
Retention									
James Knecht	R	92.66	94.59	90.99	94.89	93.09	96.34	95.92	93.96

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge

Includes Circuits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 20. The following counties fall under the Fifth Judicial District: *Alexander, Bond, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson*

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Bruce D. Stewart									
John B. Barberis, Jr.	NR	43.17	64.41	54.22	42.29	75.22	63.39	90.71	65.16
Brad K. Bleyer	R	96.99	97.57	95.68	97.03	98.10	97.29	98.91	97.83
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. James M. Wexstten									
James R. "Randy" Moore	NR	61.32	84.65	69.71	63.67	82.72	75.52	87.08	78.51
Jo Beth Weber	R	92.42	97.40	93.70	92.22	96.65	94.38	99.25	96.27
Retention									
No judges up for retention in the 5th Judicial District.									

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

CIRCUIT JUDGE CANDIDATES

1st Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Stephen L. Spomer *(Resident, Alexander County)*									
Jeffery B. Farris	R	83.13	90.36	81.93	85.71	87.95	85.54	92.59	87.95
Retention									
W. Charles Grace	NR	54.46	74.51	63.73	75.49	60.00	67.65	56.44	80.20
William G. Schwartz	R	80.81	84.00	74.00	98.00	67.33	89.00	90.91	86.73

Second Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. David K. Frankland *(Resident, Edwards County)*									
Brian T. Shinkle	R	72.00	82.00	84.00	78.00	80.00	66.00	88.00	88.00
Michael J. Valentine	R	93.48	97.83	93.48	91.30	97.83	97.83	100	97.83
Retention									
Larry D. Dunn	R	100	100	100	100	98.41	95.24	100	100
Robert M. Hopkins	R	100	100	100	100	98.18	100	100	98.15
Paul W. Lamar	R	100	100	100	98.31	100	100	100	100

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Third Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Bond and Madison counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No seats are vacant in the 3rd Judicial Circuit									
Retention									
A. Andreas Matoesian	R	67.05	89.08	73.56	81.14	77.14	73.84	63.43	83.91
William A. Mudge	R	94.29	94.32	92.61	97.74	96.61	98.86	98.30	96.00

Fourth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery and Shelby counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Ronald D. Spears *(Resident, Christian County)*									
Brad Paisley	R	98.33	100	98.33	98.33	96.67	100	100	100
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Hon. S. Gene Schwarm *(Resident, Fayette County)*									
Don Sheafor Jr.	R	89.06	98.44	93.75	87.50	93.75	91.94	96.83	95.24
Retention									
Douglas L. Jarman	R	97.44	100	97.40	97.40	98.70	97.37	100	98.68
Michael McHaney	R	77.27	85.39	77.53	91.01	71.11	91.01	94.25	87.36
Mark W. Stedelin	R	93.44	95.00	95.00	93.33	96.67	98.28	96.55	94.92
Wm. Robin Todd	R	93.06	94.37	90.14	97.18	90.14	95.71	94.29	94.29

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Fifth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar and Vermilion counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon Millard S. Everhart *(Resident, Cumberland County)*									
John L. Barger	R	90.70	95.45	95.45	93.18	90.91	90.48	82.50	95.35
Jonathan T. Braden	*								
Retention									
James R. Glenn	R	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Teresa K. Righter	R	98.04	100	98.04	96.08	98.04	100	100	96.08
Matthew L. Sullivan	R	92.31	94.34	90.74	94.44	90.74	96.23	96.30	94.44

Sixth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Garry W. Bryan *(Resident, DeWitt County)*									
Karle E. Koritz	R	89.09	96.36	90.91	87.04	89.09	92.59	98.15	92.73
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Lisa Holder White *(Resident, Macon County)*									
Thomas E. Little	R	96.84	96.88	95.83	94.79	94.79	97.92	98.95	97.92
Retention									
Heidi Ladd	R	96.36	98.20	95.50	98.20	98.20	98.20	100	97.30

R = Recommended NR = Not Recommended * = Insufficient number of responses

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Seventh Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon and Scott counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Patrick W. Kelley *(Full Circuit)*									
Ryan Cadagin	R	85.57	96.89	92.71	83.68	97.41	91.53	98.94	93.19
Rick Verticchio	NR	53.39	61.34	57.14	73.11	51.69	75.42	85.22	72.41
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Patrick J. Londrigan *(Full Circuit)*									
David Reid	R	80.47	91.72	88.02	80.36	92.31	87.35	96.39	92.22
April Troemper	R	74.89	88.41	82.91	68.67	87.55	86.70	98.26	87.07
Retention									
Peter Cavanagh	R	91.46	96.39	90.30	89.70	93.94	95.15	99.39	96.34

Eighth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Mason, Menard, Pike and Schuyler counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Scott H. Walden *(Resident, Adams County)*									
Scott D. Larson	R	98.00	98.00	97.96	100	100	100	100	100
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Alesia A. McMillen *(Resident, Schuyler County)*									
Scott J. Butler	R	98.04	100	94.23	96.08	96.15	100	100	100
Retention									
Robert Adrian	R	92.45	92.45	84.91	84.91	92.45	90.57	98.11	92.31
Mark A. Drummond	R	96.55	98.25	93.10	98.28	91.38	91.38	100	96.49
Alan D. Tucker	R	100	100	97.30	97.30	100	100	100	100

R = Recommended NR = Not Recommended * = Insufficient number of responses

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Ninth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Steven R. Bordner *(Full Circuit)*									
Raymond A. Cavanaugh	R	93.46	97.20	97.20	97.17	97.20	97.20	99.07	94.39
Jim Harrell	NR	32.79	70.97	70.49	38.71	72.41	37.70	71.67	71.19
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. James B. Stewart *(Full Circuit)*									
Heidi A. Benson	R	89.09	93.58	90.00	97.25	92.66	98.17	99.09	94.50
David M. Hansen	R	69.49	88.14	84.75	67.24	87.72	78.95	91.38	91.38
Retention									
William E. Poncin	R	87.10	96.72	93.44	88.52	93.44	93.33	95.00	93.33

Tenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Kevin R. Galley *(Resident, Marshall County)*									
Michael P. McCuskey	R	91.88	95.41	92.39	96.46	91.84	93.37	93.85	94.39
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Michael Brandt *(Resident, Peoria County)*									
Tim Cusack	R	87.14	92.09	92.75	87.14	93.53	92.03	96.40	92.81
Jodi M. Hoos	R	78.91	88.98	81.89	87.60	88.89	94.49	100	85.16
Retention									
Michael Risinger	NR	43.98	61.73	50.00	43.83	56.17	78.13	88.61	47.24
John P. Vespa	NR	38.26	65.77	53.02	31.29	54.05	73.29	87.67	64.63

R = Recommended NR = Not Recommended * = Insufficient number of responses

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean and Woodford counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Charles G. Reynard *(Full Circuit)*									
Mark A. Fellheimer	R	96.77	97.87	97.83	97.89	96.77	97.89	97.89	96.84
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Elizabeth A. Robb *(Full Circuit)*									
Casey Costigan	R	96.58	97.44	95.69	95.73	95.69	96.55	98.29	96.58
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John B. Huschen *(Resident, Woodford County)*									
Charles M. Feeney, III	R	85.57	92.86	80.61	92.86	78.57	97.96	97.94	87.76
Retention									
Scott D. Drazewski	NR	40.15	26.72	49.24	86.36	59.40	81.06	83.33	66.41

Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Will County

Joint Poll with the Will County Bar Association	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 12th Judicial Circuit.									
Retention									
John Anderson	R	85.26	91.61	88.39	89.68	86.45	91.67	96.73	90.26
Carmen Goodman	R	72.95	86.07	80.17	68.29	85.95	83.61	95.08	84.30
Barbara N. Petrungaro	R	97.28	97.83	96.74	95.65	99.45	98.90	99.45	97.25
Michael J. Powers	R	93.83	95.06	92.02	95.68	93.21	94.48	96.89	93.75
Raymond E. Rossi	R	95.28	98.41	96.06	93.70	96.83	96.85	99.21	96.80

R = Recommended NR = Not Recommended * = Insufficient number of responses

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 13th Judicial Circuit.									
Retention									
Marc P. Bernabei	R	95.40	98.85	97.70	97.70	95.40	96.51	100	97.67
Lance R. Peterson	R	93.98	98.81	95.24	94.05	94.05	89.29	100	96.43
Howard C. Ryan	R	84.71	87.06	83.53	94.19	74.12	95.29	96.51	83.72

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. F. Michael Meersman *(Resident, Rock Island County)*									
Kathleen Mesich	NR	40.23	81.61	74.71	36.90	60.92	73.26	96.55	75.29
Retention									
James G. Conway, Jr.	R	67.07	92.86	78.57	72.29	61.45	77.11	77.11	78.05
Clarence Darrow (Mike)	R	95.35	98.84	95.35	95.40	95.40	96.55	97.70	96.55
Frank R. Fuhr	R	95.65	97.83	95.65	92.47	96.77	95.65	96.74	96.74
Lori R. Lefstein	R	90.91	98.86	90.91	93.26	96.63	84.27	94.38	92.05

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Theresa L. Ursin (Resident, Stephenson County)									
James M. Hauser	R	92.68	93.90	93.90	93.83	91.46	95.06	95.12	93.90
Retention									
No judges up for retention in the 15th Judicial Circuit.									

Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Kane County

Joint Poll with the Kane County Bar Association	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 16th Judicial Circuit.									
Retention									
David R. Akemann	R	92.96	97.50	93.97	96.52	95.00	94.42	94.33	96.39
Susan Clancy Boles	R	99.31	100	98.64	98.64	99.31	100	100	97.28
Kevin T. Busch	R	79.80	92.96	80.51	89.90	70.56	92.42	97.96	87.18
Robert B. Spence[1]	R	92.66	96.63	88.64	96.65	96.02	98.31	98.29	93.75

[1] Currently Serves on the Appellate Court

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Boone and Winnebago counties

Joint Poll with the Winnebago County Bar Association	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
No vacancies in the 17th Judicial Circuit.									
Retention									
Janet R. Holmgren	R	93.26	94.25	91.38	94.89	95.98	94.83	97.66	97.16
Curtis R. Tobin, III	R	94.92	96.58	93.16	93.97	95.73	95.69	98.26	95.73
Kathryn E. Zenoff[1]	R	93.84	97.22	95.80	95.14	97.20	96.48	98.56	97.22

[1] Currently Serves on the Appellate Court

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

DuPage County

Joint Poll with the DuPage County Bar Association	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Michael J. Burke *(Full Circuit)*									
Brian F. Telander	R	96.59	98.58	97.63	97.62	97.13	99.04	98.53	97.14
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Rodney W. Equi *(Full Circuit)*									
Paul Michael Fullerton	R	97.89	99.22	98.17	99.48	98.17	99.48	99.20	98.69
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John T. Elsner *(Resident, DuPage County)*									
Liam Christopher Brennan	R	95.63	97.12	96.15	98.55	96.63	99.03	98.54	96.12
Jennifer Shilakis Wiesner	*								
Retention									
Daniel P. Guerin	R	88.76	91.72	85.80	91.57	92.31	95.24	96.97	88.02
Dorothy F. French Mallen	R	94.17	96.65	93.92	95.06	94.24	97.84	99.69	96.92
Kenneth L. Popejoy	R	91.26	90.33	93.57	95.58	91.33	97.16	97.12	97.14
Ronald D. Sutter	R	96.75	96.84	97.44	97.42	97.45	98.71	99.02	97.07
Bonnie M. Wheaton	R	95.94	97.43	94.80	96.44	96.25	97.39	99.27	98.80

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Lake County

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill Additional Judgeship A *(Resident, Fourth Subcircuit)*									
Mitchell L. Hoffman	R	98.04	100	98.69	99.35	98.04	99.34	100	98.68
Retention									
Mark L. Levitt	R	98.82	98.82	97.65	98.82	97.65	98.82	100	96.47
Margaret J. Mullen	R	86.47	94.15	87.21	94.77	75.88	95.32	96.95	93.98
Jorge L. Ortiz	R	81.99	90.00	82.72	83.33	80.75	88.82	94.23	91.82
Victoria A. Rossetti	R	88.50	92.11	88.60	92.98	92.04	94.69	99.10	94.69
Diane Winter	R	91.07	95.24	92.31	86.39	93.41	94.58	98.15	97.50

Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. C. John Baricevic *(Full Circuit)*									
Robert B. Haida	R	93.67	93.18	92.79	95.95	92.79	94.57	97.76	93.69
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Robert Haida *(Full Circuit)*									
John Baricevic	R	88.58	87.78	84.62	95.93	90.91	94.55	95.48	90.45
Ronald R. Duebbert	NR	26.97	34.87	40.00	40.65	41.72	53.47	80.92	61.44
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Robert P. LeChien *(Resident, St. Clair County)*									
Laninya A. Cason	NR	21.81	42.63	40.11	20.94	48.13	35.14	68.82	56.84
Robert P. LeChien	R	69.91	79.13	72.93	88.74	76.96	65.20	56.33	86.52
Retention									
Richard A. Brown	R	93.08	97.67	96.12	89.92	96.15	90.70	97.69	97.66

Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Iroquois and Kankakee counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Kendall O. Wenzelman *(Resident, Kankakee County)*									
Michael D. Kramer	R	96.15	100	98.08	98.04	98.08	100	100	100
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Gordon L. Lustfeldt *(Resident, Kankakee County)*									
James B. Kinzer	R	92.59	98.18	90.91	96.30	96.36	98.18	89.09	92.59
Retention									
Kathy Bradshaw-Elliott	*								

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Judicial Advisory Polls (cont)

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

McHenry County

Joint Poll with the McHenry County Bar Association	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Gordon E. Graham *(Resident, McHenry County)*									
James S. Cowlin	R	89.19	93.62	89.30	93.62	84.57	94.57	96.26	91.30
Retention									
No judges up for retention in the 22nd Judicial Circuit.									

Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

DeKalb and Kendall counties

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy									
To fill Additional Judgeship A *(Resident, DeKalb County)*									
Bradley J. Waller	R	96.97	100	96.92	95.45	98.48	98.48	96.92	96.92
Shannon Stoker	*								
To fill Additional Judgeship A *(Resident, Kendall County)*									
Stephen L. Krentz	R	97.96	97.96	97.92	100	97.92	100	97.96	97.96
Retention									
Thomas L. Doherty	R	80.39	94.23	86.54	72.55	94.23	88.24	92.16	92.16
Timothy J. McCann	R	97.73	97.73	97.73	97.73	95.45	97.73	100	97.73
Robert P. Pilmer	R	97.96	97.96	100	97.87	100	100	100	100
Robin Stuckert	R	90.20	90.00	84.31	94.12	92.16	86.00	100	96.08

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How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

In counties outside of Cook, ISBA conducts an advisory poll. The poll is conducted by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks election or a judge seeks retention. Licensed attorneys who are not members of ISBA, or any attorney outside the circuit or district may request a ballot. Participants of the poll are asked to evaluate each candidate only if they have professional knowledge of the candidate(s) that enables them to make an informed evaluation. Ballots are confidential and returned inside a ballot envelope which is mailed in a Teller envelope. A certification slip stating that the participant read and understood the instructions of the poll is signed in order for the ballot to be counted. Candidates and judges are rated "recommended" or "not recommended" based on whether respondents agree that the candidate "meets acceptable requirements for the office". Those receiving 65 percent or more "yes" responses to that question are rated "recommended" and those receiving less than 65 percent are rated "not recommended." 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.

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? **(IF THE ANSWER is "NO," DO NOT COMPLETE THE BALLOT ON THIS CANDIDATE, BUT PLEASE DO RETURN THE BALLOT.)**

Meets Requirements of Office:
(Recommendation) Considering the qualifications of the candidate, do you believe this candidate meets acceptable requirements for the office?

Integrity
Adhere to the high standards of integrity and ethical conduct required of the office?

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

Legal Ability
Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

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

for judicial retention:
Diligently and promptly attends to the duties of the office and assure the steady progress of court business?

Health
Have the physical, mental and emotional health, stamina and stability needed to perform judicial duties?

Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias
Conducts self and deals 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?

County	District	Circuit
Adams (Quincy)	4	8
Alexander (Cairo)	5	1
Bond (Greenville)	5	3
Boone (Belvidere)	2	17
Brown (Mt. Sterling)	4	8
Bureau (Princeton)	3	13
Calhoun (Hardin)	4	8
Carroll (Mt. Carroll)	2	15
Cass (Virginia)	4	8
Champaign (Urbana)	4	6
Christian (Taylorville)	5	4
Clark (Marshall)	4	5
Clay (Louisville)	5	4
Clinton (Carlyle)	5	4
Coles (Charleston)	4	5
Cook (Chicago)	1	Cook
Crawford (Robinson)	5	2
Cumberland (Toledo)	4	5
DeKalb (Sycamore)	2	23
DeWitt (Clinton)	4	6
Douglas (Tuscola)	4	6
DuPage (Wheaton)	2	18
Edgar (Paris)	4	5
Edwards (Albion)	5	2
Effingham (Effingham)	5	4
Fayette (Vandalia)	5	4
Ford (Paxton)	4	11
Franklin (Benton)	5	2
Fulton (Lewistown)	3	9
Gallatin (Shawneetown)	5	2
Greene (Carrollton)	4	7
Grundy (Morris)	3	13
Hamilton (McLeansboro)	5	2
Hancock (Carthage)	3	9
Hardin (Elizabethtown)	5	2
Henderson (Oquawka)	3	9
Henry (Cambridge)	3	14
Iroquois (Watseka)	3	21
Jackson (Murphysboro)	5	1
Jasper (Newton)	5	4
Jefferson (Mount Vernon)	5	2
Jersey (Jerseyville)	4	7
JoDaviess (Galena)	2	15
Johnson (Vienna)	5	1
Kane (Geneva)	2	16
Kankakee (Kankakee)	3	21
Kendall (Yorkville)	2	23
Knox (Galesburg)	3	9
Lake (Waukegan)	2	19
LaSalle (Ottawa)	3	13
Lawrence (Lawrenceville)	5	2
Lee (Dixon)	2	15
Livingston (Pontiac)	4	11
Logan (Lincoln)	4	11

County	District	Circuit
McDonough (Macomb)	3	9
McHenry (Woodstock)	2	22
McLean (Bloomington)	4	11
Macon (Decatur)	4	6
Macoupin (Carlinville)	4	7
Madison (Edwardsville)	5	3
Marion (Salem)	5	4
Marshall (Lacon)	3	10
Mason (Havana)	4	8
Massac (Metropolis)	5	1
Menard (Petersburg)	4	8
Mercer (Aledo)	3	14
Monroe (Waterloo)	5	20
Montgomery (Hillsboro)	5	4
Morgan (Jacksonville)	4	7
Moultrie (Sullivan)	4	6
Ogle (Oregon)	2	15
Peoria (Peoria)	3	10
Perry (Pickneyville)	5	20
Piatt (Monticello)	4	6
Pike (Pittsfield)	4	8
Pope (Golconda)	5	1
Pulaski (Mound City)	5	1
Putnam (Hennepin)	3	10
Randolph (Chester)	5	20
Richland (Olney)	5	2
Rock Island (Rock Island)	3	14
St. Clair (Belleville)	5	20
Saline (Harrisburg)	5	1
Sangamon (Springfield)	4	7
Schuyler (Rushville)	4	8
Scott (Winchester)	4	7
Shelby (Shelbyville)	5	4
Stark (Toulon)	3	10
Stephenson (Freeport)	2	15
Tazewell (Pekin)	3	10
Union (Jonesboro)	5	1
Vermilion (Danville)	4	5
Wabash (Mount Carmel)	5	2
Warren (Monmouth)	3	9
Washington (Nashville)	5	20
Wayne (Fairfield)	5	2
White (Carmi)	5	2
Whiteside (Morrison)	3	14
Will (Joliet)	3	12
Williamson (Marion)	5	1
Winnebago (Rockford)	2	17
Woodford (Eureka)	4	11