

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit includes Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson counties.

**ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
2016 Primary Election**

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Candidates must receive a 65% "yes" response to the question regarding Meets Requirements of Office in order to be Recommended. Percentage is based on "yes" responses to each question; "no opinion" responses are not included.

Fifteenth Judicial Circuit <i>Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson counties</i>	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<i>Vacancy of Theresa L. Ursin (Resident, Stephenson County)</i>									
James M. Hauser	R	92.68	93.90	93.90	93.83	91.46	95.06	95.12	93.90
Andrew T. Smith	NR	51.85	58.97	61.54	64.47	53.16	74.32	85.53	69.23

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

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How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

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The following questions are asked.

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

Meets Requirements of Office:

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

Court Management

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

Integrity

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

Health

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

Impartiality

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

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?

Legal Ability

Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

Temperament

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