

**2018 General Election  
Illinois State Bar Association**

**Judicial Evaluations Outside Cook County**

Candidates seeking election or retention to the Appellate Court are 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 the candidate Qualified, Highly Qualified or Not Qualified (for a judicial vacancy) or Recommended, Not Recommended (for retention). Ratings based on evaluations are the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association.

**2nd Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge**

*Includes Circuits 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23.* The following counties fall under the Second Judicial District: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, JoDaviess, Kane Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.

***For Retention***

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<b>Robert D. McLaren</b>	<b>R</b>	<p><b>Justice Robert McLaren</b> was elected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Appellate Court and began his tenure in December 1988. As an appellate court justice, he is described as an extraordinary brilliant person with a broad scope of general knowledge not just in the law but in philosophy, science and music. Prior to his election to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Appellate Court, Justice McLaren served seven years as a judge in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Dupage County, Illinois.</p> <p><b>The ISBA Committee for Judicial Evaluations Outside of Cook County recommends Justice McLaren for retention as a Justice of the 2nd District Appellate Court.</b></p>

## 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.

#### ***For the vacancy of the Hon. Carol M. Pope***

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<b>Thomas M. Harris, Jr.</b>	<b>HQ</b>	<p><b>Justice Thomas Harris</b> has served on the 4<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Court since 2013 and is a candidate for election to a seat on that court. He is well versed in the law and very well prepared for cases that come before him. He spends extensive time to understand the issues. He has excellent legal ability and temperament. He is a very hard working and conscientious judge well respected by his colleagues and the attorneys who practice before him including both prevailing and non-prevailing parties. Justice Harris is active in providing educational presentations for attorneys and the public. Prior to being appointed to the Appellate Court, Justice Harris served as an Associate Judge and Circuit Court Judge in Logan County since 2007. Justice Harris has been licensed as an attorney since 1988.</p> <p>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed a written questionnaire submitted by Justice Harris and has interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know him and, or, have practiced with him and against him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. He also presented himself for an interview before 11 members of the committee.</p> <p><b>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association finds Thomas Harris to be highly qualified for the position of Justice of the Appellate Court.</b></p>

## Judicial Evaluations (cont.)

<u>4th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge (cont.)</u>		
<i>For the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas R. Appleton</i>		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<b>Pete Cavanagh</b>	<b>HQ</b>	<p><b>Justice Pete Cavanaugh</b> was appointed to the 4th District Appellate Court in 2018 and is a candidate for election to a seat on that court. He is well versed in the law and very well prepared for cases that come before him. He spends extensive time to understand the issues. He has excellent legal ability and temperament. He is a very hard working and conscientious judge well respected by his colleagues and the attorneys who practice before him including both prevailing and non-prevailing parties. Prior to being appointed to the Appellate Court, Justice Cavanaugh served as a Circuit Judge in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit since 2008. Justice Cavanaugh has been licensed as an attorney since 1997.</p> <p>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed a written questionnaire submitted by Justice Cavanaugh and has interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know him and, or, have practiced with him and against him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. He also presented himself for an interview before nine members of the committee.</p> <p><b>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association finds Justice Cavanaugh to be highly qualified for the position of Justice of the Appellate Court.</b></p>

## 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 the Hon. Richard P. Goldenhersh***

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<b>Kevin T. Hoerner</b>	<b>HQ</b>	<p><b>Kevin Hoerner</b> is a candidate for election to a seat on the 5th District Appellate Court. The 5th District Appellate Court handles appeals from 37 counties in southern Illinois and sits in Mt. Vernon.</p> <p>Kevin Hoerner has been an attorney since 1987. He is in private practice representing clients from all walks of life, from pro bono to private citizens, to municipalities and Fortune 500 Companies. Kevin Hoerner also serves as a part-time St. Clair County Assistant States Attorney, handling civil matters since 1996, and has been a Special Assistant Attorney General, handling condemnations cases for IDOT since 2001. Mr. Hoerner is well-versed in the law and is regarded as having excellent legal knowledge and ability by judges before whom he has appeared and attorneys who have worked with him. Mr. Hoerner is also very active and volunteers in many community and civic organizations.</p> <p>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed an extensive written questionnaire submitted by Attorney Hoerner and has interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know him and, or, have practiced with and against him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. He also presented himself of an interview before 11 members of the committee.</p> <p><b>The Judicial Evaluations Committee finds Kevin Hoerner to be highly qualified for the position of Justice of the Appellate Court.</b></p>

## Judicial Evaluations (cont.)

<u>5th Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge (cont.)</u>		
<i>For the vacancy of the Hon. Richard P. Goldenhersh</i>		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<b>David K. Overstreet</b>	<b>HQ</b>	<p><b>David Overstreet</b> is a candidate for election to a seat on the 5<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Court. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Court handles appeals from 37 counties in southern Illinois and sits in Mt. Vernon. Judge Overstreet was appointed to serve on the appellate court in February, 2017. Prior to this he served on the Circuit Court for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, having been appointed as a circuit judge in 2007 and subsequently elected in 2008 , and retained by election in 2014. He was in the private practice of law for approximately 16 years before becoming a judge in 2007.</p> <p>The Judicial Evaluations Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed an extensive written questionnaire submitted by Judge Overstreet and has interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know and, or, have practiced with, against, or in front of him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. He also presented himself for an interview before 11 members of the committee.</p> <p><b>The Judicial Evaluations Committee finds David Overstreet to be highly qualified for the position of justice of the appellate court.</b></p>

## Judicial Advisory Poll

The advisory poll is conducted by mail and is sent to all Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks election or retention. Licensed attorneys who are not members of the ISBA, or any attorney outside the circuit or district may request a ballot. 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. Candidates must receive 65% "yes" responses to the question "Meets Requirements of Office" in order to be "Recommended". Percentage is based on "yes" responses to each question; "no opinion" responses are not included.

<b><u>2nd Judicial District</u></b> <b>Appellate Court</b> <i>15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd Judicial Circuits.</i>	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b>No judicial vacancies</b>										
<b>Justice seeking retention</b>										
Robert D. McLaren	178	R	82.02	93.18	84.00	90.29	82.08	93.02	92.86	89.35
<b><u>4th Judicial District</u></b> <b>Appellate Court</b> <i>5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th Judicial Circuits</i>										
<b>To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Carol M. Pope</b>										
Thomas M. Harris, Jr.	245	R	98.74	99.18	97.95	99.18	99.18	99.17	100	99.17
<b>To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas R. Appleton</b>										
Pete Cavanagh	186	R	87.10	94.59	88.65	84.24	93.44	93.41	97.83	95.11
<b>No retention candidates</b>										

## Judicial Advisory Poll (cont.)

<b>5th Judicial District</b> <b>Appellate Court</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits</i>	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b>To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Richard P. Goldenhersh</b>										
Kevin T. Hoerner	275	R	86.94	92.25	85.24	91.88	94.12	93.96	95.49	93.68
David K. Overstreet	310	R	82.89	89.22	83.99	89.14	89.80	87.38	93.33	87.67
<b>No retention candidates</b>										