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CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

Candidates Seeking To Fill Judicial Vacancies

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Eileen Mary Brewer vacancy – all ballots

Kathryn Maloney Vahey (D) - Qualified

Kathryn Maloney Vahey has been licensed since 1998. She is a career assistant public defender currently assigned to handle felony trials and specialty diversion court in Bridgeview. She has tried a number of criminal jury and bench trials, including homicides. She is considered to be a passionate and skilled trial attorney with a sensitivity to mental health issues and to be professional. She is active in community affairs. Ms. Kathryn Maloney Vahey is found to be **Qualified** for election the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Evelyn B. Clay vacancy – all ballots

Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan (D) – Qualified

Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan was admitted in 1993. She is a career assistant state's attorney who is currently assigned to handle felony trials. She has substantial criminal jury and bench trial experience. Attorneys consider her to be knowledgeable, fair, even-keeled and thorough with sound reasoning. Ms. Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Deborah M. Dooling vacancy – all ballots

Tom Sam Sianis (D) – Qualified

Athanasios (Tom) S. Sianis has been licensed since 2004. He is currently the Enforcement Division Chief for the Illinois Securities Department, investigating financial fraud and overseeing registration. He is a former assistant state's attorney. He has handled criminal jury and bench trials. He is considered to be extremely professional and knowledgeable, with high character. He is active in community organizations. Mr. Athanasios S. Sianis is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Lynn M. Egan vacancy – all ballots

Rosa Maria Silva (D) – Qualified

Rosa Maria Silva has been licensed since 2001. She currently works in the Felony Trial Division of the Public Defender’s Office. She also spent a year in private practice doing divorce and real estate, and from 2002 to 2003 she worked for the Will County Public Defender. She has substantial criminal litigation experience including many jury trials and complex cases and gets high marks for her legal knowledge, ability, diligence, and organizational skills. She is also active in bar association and civic activities. Ms. Rosa Maria Silva is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Laurence J. Dunford vacancy – all ballots

Thomas F. McGuire (D) – Qualified

Thomas F. McGuire was admitted in 2000. He has been a sole practitioner since 2013, when he opened his practice after working as an assistant state's attorney and with the Office of the Chief Judge. He concentrates on criminal defense matters. Prior to becoming an attorney he was in the Naval Reserves. He has experience with criminal jury and bench trials. Attorneys gave comments regarding his knowledge of the law ranging from solid to outstanding, and he is considered to be effective, professional and personable. He is active in his church and community. Mr. Thomas McGuire is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Thomas E. Flanagan vacancy – all ballots

Preston Jones, Jr. (D) – Qualified

Preston Jones, Jr. has been licensed since 1995. He was appointed to the circuit court in September 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic Section. Prior to his appointment, Judge Jones was a career public defender where his assignments included Juvenile Justice, Felony Trial and Homicide Task Force. He has extensive jury and bench trial experience, including in complex cases. Attorneys gave him positive remarks, and he is considered to be very smart, zealous and professional. Judge Preston Jones, Jr. is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Russell W. Hartigan vacancy – all ballots

Cecilia A. Horan (D) – Qualified

Cecelia Horan has been licensed since 1997. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in January, 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic Section. Prior to her appointment, Judge Horan was a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson, focusing on tort litigation, and she also handled some appeals. She is considered to be an excellent trial attorney, who handles complex cases, and to be a good listener. She has participated in bar association activities, and is the president of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago.

Judge Cecilia A. Horan is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Michelle D. Jordan vacancy – all ballots

Clare Joyce Quish (D) – Qualified

Clare Joyce Quish has been licensed since 2000. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in June 2016, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Non-jury Civil section. Judge Quish is a former law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis, and did appellate and litigation work for a private firm before joining and becoming a partner at Schuyler, Roche & Crisham. She has handled complex commercial and civil litigation. Attorneys describe her as meticulous, even-tempered and to have high integrity. She has been active with bar association activities and has both lectured and written on legal topics. Judge Clare Quish is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Sheila McGinnis vacancy – all ballots

Peter Michael Gonzalez – Qualified

Peter Michael Gonzalez has been licensed since 1994. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in November, 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District and Traffic section. Prior to his appointment, Judge Gonzalez was a sole practitioner with a general practice focusing on criminal defense, domestic relations, employment and immigration law. Prior to opening his practice, he was an assistant public defender and an administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He has some criminal jury trial experience, and both criminal and civil bench trial experience. Most attorneys gave positive feedback on his legal knowledge; a few did have some concerns about his diligence as an attorney. He has been active in both bar association and community activities and engaged in pro bono

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work. Judge Peter Michael Gonzalez is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Jean Prendergast Rooney vacancy – all ballots

Jack Hagerty – Qualified

Jack J. Hagerty was admitted to the bar in 1990. He is a partner at Taft, Stettinus and Hollister, focusing on labor, civil rights and FINRA matters. He has not litigated a jury trial to conclusion and has limited bench trial experience. He is considered to have very good legal knowledge, and to seek out creative resolutions prior to trial. He is thought of as professional, and has handled complex matters in both state and federal court. He has been active in bar association and charitable activities. Mr. Jack J. Hagerty is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 1st Subcircuit – Hon. Orville E. Hambright, Jr. vacancy

Erika Orr – Qualified

Erika Orr has been licensed since 1998. After working for several large corporations handling international and federal tax matters, she opened a solo practice focusing on domestic relations cases. She has handled civil bench trials but no juries. She is considered to be very bright and a quick study, ethical and respectful of all. She is a volunteer with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and has been involved in bar association and community activities. Ms. Erika Orr is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. Bertina E. Lampkin vacancy

Tiana Ellis Blakely (D) - Qualified

Tiana Ellis Blakely has been licensed since 2004. She has been an assistant public defender since 2005 where her assignments have included Child Protection, First Municipal and Felony Trial. She has handled several criminal juries as lead counsel, conducted evidentiary hearings, and done bench trials including complex matters. Attorneys report that she has excellent legal knowledge and ability, and is fair and impartial. She is active in the Roseland community and works with young women. Ms. Tiana Ellis Blakely is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. Marjorie C. Laws vacancy

Adrienne Elaine Davis (D) – Qualified

Adrienne Elaine Davis has been licensed since 1994. She was appointed to the circuit court in March 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District. She was a career public defender, and was assigned to the Homicide Task Force for eight years prior to her appointment. She has extensive jury trial experience as lead counsel. Attorneys praise her legal knowledge and ability, and her ability to analyze her cases objectively. She is considered to have an excellent demeanor. She has served as adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, and has presented programs on legal topics. Judge Adrienne Elaine Davis is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. James L. Rhodes vacancy

Toya T. Harvey (D) – Qualified

Toya T. Harvey has been licensed since 1995. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in March, 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Forcible Entry and Detainer section. Prior to her appointment, Judge Harvey was a career assistant public defender, her last assignment being to handle murder and other complex felonies in the Sixth District (Markham). She has substantial criminal jury and bench trial litigation experience. She is generally considered to have very good legal knowledge, and to be diligent with an excellent temperament; a few expressed concerns over occasional lateness, and a few expressed temperament concerns. She is active in community activities. Judge Toya T. Harvey is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. John D. Turner, Jr. vacancy

Ieshia Gray (D) - Qualified

Ieshia Gray was admitted to the Illinois bar in 2002. After a brief time as Cook County Circuit Court Coordinator, in 2004 she became an assistant public defender. She has extensive criminal jury trial experience. She is considered to have good legal knowledge and ability, with a good grasp of the issues. She is known to be even-keeled

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and diligent, and does volunteer work with her church and a legal clinic. Ms. Ieshia Gray is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. Valerie Turner vacancy

Arthur Wesley Willis (D) – Qualified

Arthur Wesley Willis was admitted in 1994. He is an assistant public defender currently assigned to Markham. He has handled all levels of felony cases including complex matters and has substantial jury and bench trial experience. He is considered to be very knowledgeable, hard-working, and fair. He is involved in church and legal activities. Mr. Arthur Wesley Willis is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. Camille E. Willis vacancy

Debra Ann Seaton (D) - Qualified

Debra Ann Seaton was admitted in 1986. She was appointed to the circuit court in May 2017 and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic Section. Prior to her appointment, she was an attorney supervisor with the Cook County Public Defender after previously working as an assistant public defender in both Kane and Cook counties, in private practice and with the State Appellate Defender. She has substantial jury and bench trial experience, and is considered to be smart with good legal knowledge, impartial and level-headed. She has also taught trial skills. Judge Seaton is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 3rd Subcircuit – Maureen F. Delehanty vacancy

Kevin Patrick Cunningham (D) – Qualified

Kevin Patrick Cunningham was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1992. After spending six years as an assistant state’s attorney, he entered private practice; first with a firm, and then his own solo firm. He has a general practice with concentrations in criminal law, personal injury and real estate matters. He has also served as a village prosecutor and a hearing officer for several southwest suburbs, and has handled both civil and criminal juries. He is considered to have excellent legal knowledge, and is known as a hard worker who is also fair with high integrity. He is a past president of the Southwest

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Bar Association. Mr. Kevin Patrick Cunningham is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 4th Subcircuit – Thomas M. Davy vacancy

David R. Navarro (D) – Qualified

David R. Navarro was admitted in 1993. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in May, 2017, and is currently to hear Pretrial matters at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse. Prior to his appointment, Judge Navarro was Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau for the Illinois Attorney General's office. Before his position there, he was an assistant state's attorney, where he was the supervisor of the Professional Standards Unit. He is considered to be a top-notch attorney who has handled high-profile cases, fair and even-keeled. He has taught at the John Marshall and Loyola law schools, is active with bar association activities, and has taught prosecutors and police officers in Mexico. Judge David R. Navarro is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 4th Subcircuit – James G. Riley vacancy

Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza (D) – Qualified

Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza has been licensed since 2001. She is a career assistant state's attorney who is currently assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes w/ Children. She has extensive criminal jury and bench trial experience, including high-profile and complex cases. She has both lectured and written on legal matters. Attorneys report that she has a strong grasp of law and procedure, is always professional and even-keeled with a strong work ethic. Ms. Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 5th Subcircuit – Hon. Patricia Banks vacancy

H. Yvonne Coleman (D) – Qualified

H. Yvonne Coleman was admitted to practice in 1988. She was appointed to the circuit court in March 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Non-Jury Civil Section. She has a varied background which includes a solo practice focusing on litigation, civil rights and employment law and has held positions with various government agencies as both an attorney as a hearing officer. She has both criminal and civil trial experience. Attorneys report that she makes fair rulings and applies the appropriately; she treats all well in the courtroom and is professional. She

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has been active in bar association work. Judge H. Yvonne Coleman is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 5th Subcircuit – Hon. Rickey Jones vacancy
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Marian E. Perkins (D) – Qualified

Marian E. Perkins was admitted in 1987. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in July, 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic section. Prior to her appointment, Judge Perkins was a sole practitioner concentrating in criminal defense and family law. Before opening her practice, she had been an assistant state's attorney, on the staff of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, and an attorney with the State Appellate Defender. She has substantial jury and bench trial experience both criminal and civil, and received high marks from attorneys for her litigation skills, disposition, integrity and legal knowledge. She is a former president of the Cook County Bar Association, is active in bar association activities, and was awarded the John McAdams Pro Bono Award from the Illinois State Bar Association.

Judge Marian E. Perkins is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 5th Subcircuit – Hon. Edward Washington, II vacancy

Robert Harris (D) – Qualified

Robert Harris was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1991. In September, 2017, he was appointed to the Circuit Court, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Division, First District, Traffic section. Prior to his appointment, Judge Harris held the position of Cook County Public Guardian, where he supervised an agency with over 200 employees and an \$18 million budget. He was appointed to that spot in 2004 after spending his entire career there. While he has not handled jury trials, he has litigated over 400 bench trials, including many complex and highly sensitive matters. He is considered to be smart, knowledgeable, diligent and professional. He has both lectured and published on legal issues, has been active with bar associations, and was on the Board of Directors for CARPLS. Judge Robert Harris is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County- 6th Subcircuit – Hon. Gloria Chevere vacancy

Kent A. Delgado (D) – Highly Qualified

Kent A. Delgado was admitted in 1996. He was appointed to the circuit court in January 2017, and is currently assigned to the Probate Division. Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice focusing on litigation and general transactional matters. He was also an assistant state’s attorney for eleven years. He has substantial trial experience. He is considered to be extremely knowledgeable and very approachable with very high integrity. He has taught on legal issues. Judge Kent A. Delgado is found to be **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County- 6th Subcircuit – Hon. Richard C. Cooke vacancy

Andrea Michelle Webber (D) – Qualified

Andrea Michelle Webber has been licensed since 2002. She currently an assistant public defender assigned to the Homicide Task Force. She has extensive jury and bench trial experience and is widely praised by attorneys for her legal knowledge in complex matters and strong work ethics. She has taught trial advocacy and is active in community activities. Ms. Andrea Michelle Webber is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County- 6th Subcircuit – Hon. Robert Lopez Cepero vacancy

Linda Perez (D) – Not Qualified

Linda Perez has been licensed since 2001. She is a career assistant public defender who is currently assigned to Felony Trial. She is considered to be a hard-working zealous advocate. Concerns were raised, however about her lack of recent litigation and the lack of complex litigation, as well as the depth and breadth of her total

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experience. Ms. Linda Perez is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 8th Subcircuit – Hon. Candace J. Fabri vacancy

James “Jamie” Shapiro (D) – Qualified

James “Jamie” Shapiro has been licensed since 1985. He is currently in private practice focusing on civil and criminal litigation. He previously served as a circuit court judge, by appointment, from 2007 to 2012. He also worked with several private litigation firms and served in the United States Attorney’s Office. He has substantial litigation experience in both state and federal courts and is considered to be an excellent trial attorney who is always prepared, even-keeled with high integrity. He has published and taught, and is a past president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Mr. James Shapiro is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 8th Subcircuit – Hon. Laura C. Liu vacancy

Lindsay Huge (D) – Qualified

Lindsay Huge has been licensed since 1989. He is a career assistant public defender, currently handling appeals and post-conviction matters after spending nine years in the Felony Trial division. He has substantial criminal jury and bench trial experience, including in complex matters. He is considered to be an excellent attorney and litigator, with a deep respect for the humanity of his clients. He is thorough and mild-mannered. He participates in community activities, is a member of some bar associations, and has lectured on legal issues. Mr. Lindsay Huge is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 8th Subcircuit – Hon. Sheryl A. Pethers vacancy

Jeanne Marie Wrenn (D) - Qualified

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Jeanne Marie Wrenn was admitted in 2003. She was appointed to the circuit court in February 2018 and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic Section. From 2015 to 2017, she was senior director and general counsel for the National Safety Council. She has previously worked as an assistant state's attorney and from 2012 to 2015 she was Ethics and EEO officer at PACE. She has criminal jury and bench trial experience, and attorneys praise her temperament, trial skills and hard work. She is involved in civic activities. Judge Jeanne Marie Wrenn is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 10th Subcircuit – Hon. Eileen O'Neill Burke vacancy

Stephanie Saltouros (D) – Qualified

Stephanie Saltouros has been licensed since 1996. She was appointed to the circuit court in September 2016 and is currently assigned to Domestic Violence. She was in private practice since 2008 until her appointment, after twelve years as an assistant state's attorney. Her practice focused on criminal, domestic and traffic defense, and some civil work. She is considered to be very smart and quick to grasp legal issues, practical and even-tempered. Judge Stephanie Saltouros is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 10th Subcircuit – Hon. Donald J. Suriano vacancy

Colleen Reardon Daly (D) – Qualified

Colleen Reardon Daly was admitted to the bar in 1996. After thirteen years with the State's Attorney's Office, she opened a private practice specializing in criminal defense, juvenile law, traffic matters, appellate work, and administrative matters, and is considered to have good legal knowledge and ability. She is diligent and professional with a good temperament. Ms. Colleen Reardon is found to be **Qualified** to election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 11th Subcircuit – Hon. Kathleen G. Kennedy vacancy

Joanne F. Rosado (D) – Qualified

Joanne F. Rosado has been licensed since 2002. She was appointed to the Circuit

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Court in January, 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic section. Prior to her appointment she was a career assistant public defender where she handled complex felony cases. She has extensive experience in both jury and bench trials and in motion practice. She is considered to be very professional, bright and hard-working. She has been active in bar association and community activities and has done some teaching and lecturing. Judge Joanne F. Rosado is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 12th Subcircuit – Hon. William O. Maki vacancy
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David Studenroth (R) – Qualified

David Studenroth has been licensed since 1987. After several years working for the State’s Attorney’s Office, in 1998 he opened his solo practice focusing on criminal defense. He has substantial trial experience and is considered knowledgeable with a good temperament and high character. He is active in his community. Mr. David Studenroth is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Joel Chupack (D) – Qualified

Joel Chupack was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1982. He is currently a partner at Henrich & Kramer, focusing on real estate litigation, after working with several other firms as well. He has also served as a commercial arbitrator. Mr. Chupack has experience with both bench and jury trials, and also with appeals. He is considered to be very intelligent, a good researcher, and a patient person with high integrity. He has lectured on legal topics and is a past president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. In addition, he has been active with the ISBA on the Real Estate Section Council and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Mr. Joel Chupack is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 13th Subcircuit – Hon. Clayton J. Crane vacancy

Gary W. Seyring (R) – Qualified

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Gary W. Seyring has been licensed since 1978. He is a sole practitioner and a CPA focusing on domestic relations, real estate, estate planning, and business law. He does have litigation experience in those areas. It is reported that he has good legal knowledge and is diligent with a good demeanor. Mr. Gary W. Seyring is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 13th Subcircuit – Hon. Clayton J. Crane vacancy (cont'd)

Ketki “Kay” Steffen (D) – Highly Qualified

Ketki “Kay” Steffen has been licensed since 1991. In November 2015 she was appointed to the circuit court, assigned to the Third District, until December 2016. She is currently an arbitrator for the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission. She also served as a circuit court judge by appointment from 2010 – 2013 and was then appointed to be an Administrative Law Judge for the Illinois Compensation Commission from 2013 – 2015. Before her original appointment to the bench, Ms. Steffen spent nineteen years with the State’s Attorney’s Office where she obtained extensive litigation experience. She is considered knowledgeable in a variety of areas of law and is highly regarded by attorneys who have appeared before her. Ms. Ketki Steffen is found to be **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 13th Subcircuit – Hon. Jeffrey Lawrence vacancy

Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald (R) – Qualified

Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1991. He is currently a litigation attorney for the Walgreen's Corporation, focusing on health care litigation from case evaluation to settlement. Prior to that position, he was on the staff of the Office of inspector General, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; General Counsel for the Illinois Racing Board; and an assistant attorney general. Attorneys reported that he has a thorough understanding of the entire legal process, and is very good at analyzing legal issues, with high integrity. He has been active with the Northwest Suburban Bar association and active with civic affairs in Barrington Township. Mr. Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald is found to be **Qualified** for election to the

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Shannon P. O'Malley (D) – Not Recommended

Shannon P. O'Malley declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Mr. Shannon P. O'Malley is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County – 13th Subcircuit – Hon. Ann O'Donnell vacancy

Christine Svenson (R) - Qualified

Christine Svenson was admitted in 1995. She opened her own practice in 2008 focusing on domestic, chancery, workers' compensation, and tort matters. She is also a mediator and an arbitrator and did civil litigation with two firms. She has minimal jury trial experience and some bench trial experience. Most attorneys reported positive comments on her diligence and she is considered to have sound knowledge of workers' compensation. She has community involvement. Ms. Christine Svenson is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Samuel J. Betar, III (D) - Qualified

Samuel J. Betar III has been licensed since 1983. He was appointed to a fully circuit court judgeship in July 2017, after serving as an associate judge since 1998. Judge Betar is currently assigned to Municipal District 3 (Rolling Meadows) and to the Domestic Violence Division. Prior to his election as an associate judge, he practiced with several firms doing commercial litigation. He is considered to be fair, even-keeled and will always research when needed. He is a co-founder of the Arab-American Bar Association, and teaches new judges. Judge Samuel J. Betar III is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 14th Subcircuit – Hon. Rodolfo Garcia vacancy

Beatriz A. Frausto-Sandoval – Not Qualified

Beatriz A. Frausto-Sandoval was admitted in 2005. After working for several firms practicing immigration law, she opened her solo practice in 2011. She focuses almost exclusively on immigration law cases and appears primarily in immigration court. While she is considered to be very knowledgeable and passionate in her area and to have a good temperament, she has never litigated a jury and has very little experience in state court or with state law. Ms. Beatriz Frausto-Sandoval is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Circuit Court – Cook County – 15th Subcircuit – Hon. George Scully, Jr. vacancy

Michael B. Barrett (D) – Qualified

Michael Barrett has been licensed since 1991. He is a partner in the firm of Barrett & Sramek, focusing on complex civil litigation, real estate and administrative law matters. He is considered to be very knowledgeable, a hard worker, and has substantial civil litigation experience. He has been active in bar association activities. Mr. Michael B. Barrett is found to be **Qualified** to election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 15th Subcircuit – Hon. Frank G. Zelezinski vacancy

Karla Marie Fiaoni (R) – Not Qualified

Karla Marie Fiaoni was admitted in 1989. Since 2001 she has been a solo practitioner focusing on criminal defense, domestic relations and administrative hearings. Prior to opening her practice, she was an assistant state's attorney for five years, both the police chief and superintendent for Chicago Heights, and the Project Director, Domestic Violence unit Chicago Heights. Reports from attorneys about her legal knowledge ranged from adequate to excellent; concerns were raised over her lack of complex cases, and also over reports that at times cases lingered too long unnecessarily. Incomplete and inadequate answers to the Alliance questionnaire also raised concerns about diligence and organization. Ms. Karla Marie Fiaoni is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Scott McKenna (D) – Qualified

Scott McKenna was admitted in 1996. He is currently a partner at Best, Vanderlaan & Harrington, concentrating on civil litigation. He joined that firm in 2005, after working at several other private firms. He has substantial civil jury experience, and is considered to be well-prepared, even-keeled and punctual. He has lectured on legal issues. Mr. Scott McKenna is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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