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

Oran F. Whiting - Qualified

Oran F. Whiting has been licensed since 1987. He was appointed to the circuit court in August 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic section. Prior to his appointment, Judge Whiting had been a civil litigator both for private firms and as a sole practitioner. He also had been a hearing officer for the Secretary of State and a commissioner on the Illinois Court of Claims. He has civil jury and bench trial experience, and is considered to be impartial with good legal knowledge. He has been involved with community and legal activities. Judge Oran F. Whiting is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Kathryn Maloney Vahey - 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.

John Maher – Qualified

John Maher has been licensed since 1993. He is a career assistant state's attorney, and currently holds the position of Deputy Supervisor of the Gang Crimes and Complex Litigation Unit. He has extensive criminal jury and bench trial experience, including complex and high-profile cases. He is praised by attorneys and judges for his legal knowledge and ability, and is considered to be calm, professional and even-keeled. Mr. John Maher is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan – 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.

Jonathan Clark Green – Qualified

Jonathan Clark Green was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1986. His varied career has included stints in private practice; practicing business law in Belgium; positions with the Illinois House Democrats and the Illinois Attorney General; and a position with the American Society of International Law. He is currently Senior Counsel/Supervisor Federal Civil Rights Litigation for the City of Chicago Law Department. Some attorneys contacted during the investigation reported that he is capable, competent, civil and fair; a few expressed concerns over ongoing discovery issues in federal court in civil rights cases with the city Law Department, and his role and responsibility concerning those issues. He has handled several civil juries as lead counsel. He is active with several bar associations, does some teaching, and participates in some community organizations. Mr. Jonathan Clark Green is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Michael I. O'Malley – Qualified

Michael I. O'Malley was admitted to practice in 2005. He works for the State's Attorney's Office in the Civil Bureau. He has been assigned to several different areas of his office and has handled cases involving complex financial crimes. He has substantial litigation experience and has good legal knowledge and a professional demeanor. Mr. Michael I. O'Malley is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Lori Ann Roper – Not Recommended

Lori Ann Roper declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Lori Ann Roper is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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Tom Sam Sianis – 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.

Timothy John Leeming – Qualified

Timothy John Leeming was admitted in 1986. After a short time with private firms he has been an assistant public defender for almost 30 years. He is currently assigned to the Legal Resources Division handling post-conviction, appellate and exoneration matters, including some high-profile cases; past assignments include Felony Trial division. He has substantial jury, bench and appellate experience and is considered to be very professional, smart and hard-working, with a great temperament. He is a founding member of the Pakistani-American Bar Association and has been active in community and church activities. Mr. Timothy John Leeming is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Corri Diane Fetman – Not Recommended

Corri Diane Fetman declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Cori Diane Fetman is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Thomas F. McGuire – 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.



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

Rosa Maria Silva – 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. Thomas E. Flanagan vacancy – all ballots

Amanda Moira Pillsbury – Not Qualified

Amanda Moira Pillsbury has been licensed since 2004. She is a career assistant state’s attorney. She has minimal jury trial experience. Some attorneys reported that she is knowledgeable and a good litigator, while others questioned the extent of her involvement in complex matters and the depth of her experience. Opinions on her diligence and temperament were also divided between positive and negative. Ms. Amanda Moira Pillsbury is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Preston Jones, Jr. – 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. Thomas E. Flanagan vacancy (cont'd) – all ballots

Keely Patricia Hillison – Not Qualified

Keely Patricia Hillison has been licensed since 1985. She is partner at Parrillo Weiss and also worked briefly at two other firms, focusing on civil litigation. She is also an arbitrator. While she is considered to be professional and pleasant, concerns were raised over the extent of her experience with complex litigation and depth and breadth of her practice, as it is reported that much of her practice consists of high-volume, simpler cases. In addition, three of her appellate briefs resulted in sanctions against her firm for frivolous appeals. She has been active in bar association activities. Ms. Keely Patricia Hillison is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Ioana Salajanu – Not Qualified

Ioana Salajanu was admitted in 2000. She has practiced primarily in the areas of commercial litigation and corporate law with several different firms and as solo practitioner. She is currently with Rock, Fusco & Connelly. While she is considered diligent and able, concerns were raised over her lack of any jury or bench trials, and the depth and breadth of her practice. Ms. Ioana Salajanu is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Cecilia A. Horan – 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.



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Keith L. Spence – Not Qualified

Keith L. Spence was admitted in 1999. He is a solo practitioner focusing on criminal defense, domestic relations, and municipal law, and an administrative law judge for the Village of Matteson. He is a former attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a former administrative law judge for the Village of Dolton. Attorneys contacted during the investigation had very divergent opinions on his qualifications. Some reported that he was very professional with adequate legal knowledge, others reported that he is not diligent, is uncooperative and does not have a good demeanor. Concerns were also raised about the lack of complexity of the matters he handles. In addition, the poor quality of the answers he submitted to the Alliance questionnaire raised questions about his overall diligence. Mr. Keith L. Spence is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Clare Joyce Quish – 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.

Jerry Barrido – Qualified

Jerome Barrido has been licensed since 1999. He is a career assistant public defender, currently assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division. He has tried multiple criminal juries, including complex matters, and has substantial experience with mental health issues. He is considered to be a passionate and dedicated professional who is very knowledgeable about the



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law, with high character and integrity. Mr. Jerome Barrido is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Michelle D. Jordan vacancy (cont'd) – all ballots

Patrick Dankwa John – Qualified

Patrick Dankwa John was admitted to practice in 1998. He is an associate with Barclay Law Group, concentrating in family law and has been in private practice since being licensed. He is considered to be a diligent and skilled litigator in his area of practice, with a good temperament. Mr. Patrick Dankwa John 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 work. Judge Peter Michael Gonzalez is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Brian Terrence Sexton – Qualified

Brian Terrence Sexton was admitted to the bar in 1987. Prior to opening his solo practice in 2016, he was a career assistant state's attorney. He was Chief of the Narcotics Bureau from 2010-2016, prior assignments included Gang Crimes and Felony Trial. He currently focuses on criminal defense. He has extensive jury and bench trial experience, including in complex and high-profile cases, and has trained both police officers and prosecutors. The majority of attorneys and judges interviewed consider him to be extremely knowledgeable, punctual and diligent.



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While most report him to be professional, concerns were raised by some over what they considered to be bullying and demeaning treatment of defendants and witnesses as a prosecutor.

Circuit Court – Cook County – Hon. Sheila McGinnis vacancy (cont'd) – all ballots

There have been at least three cases from 1997-2001 where an appellate court found that improper comments had been made during trial; as a prosecutor has been sued four times, although he was dismissed out in three (one is currently pending). In general, most opposing attorneys interviewed felt he would be fair and impartial. Mr. Brian Terrence Sexton is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Bradley R. Trowbridge - Qualified

Bradley R. Trowbridge has been licensed since 2000. He has had his own law practice since 2003 handling domestic, chancery, probate, and criminal matters. He also serves as an appointed guardian ad litem and teaches at The John Marshall Law School. He previously worked for several agencies including the Legal Assistance Foundation, and is a mediator and arbitrator. He has not tried a jury trial and has handled many bench trials and evidentiary hearings. Attorneys consider him to be professional, civil and fair. Mr. Bradley R. Trowbridge 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.

Mable Taylor – Not Recommended



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Mable Taylor declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Taylor is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Litricia P. Payne - Qualified

Litricia P. Payne was admitted in 1997. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in December, 2016, and reappointed in August 2017 to a different subcircuit. Judge Payne is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic section. Early in her career she had been a contract attorney and a sole practitioner. In 1999, she became an assistant public defender in Will County, where she obtained substantial criminal jury and bench experience. She is considered to be very knowledgeable, honest and fair-minded. She was the first president of the Black Bar Association of Will County and participates in community activities. Judge Litricia P. Payne is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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



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Tiana Ellis Blakely- 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.

Circuit Court – Cook County – 2nd Subcircuit – Hon. Bertina E. Lampkin vacancy (cont'd)

Fredrick H. Bates – Qualified

Fredrick H. Bates was first appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 2015, then reappointed in December 2016 and currently sits in the 6th Municipal District (Markham) where he hears a variety of cases. Having been admitted to practice in 1983, prior to his judicial appointments, Judge Bates' concentration was in employment and labor law representing corporations, government entities, not-for-profits, including litigation experience. He also has experience as an Administrative Law Judge, and in February 2015, was appointed as chair of the Illinois Civil Service Commission. He considered to be knowledgeable and diligent with great attention to detail. He is a past president of the Cook County Bar Association and has participated in bar activities. Judge Frederick H. Bates is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

William H. Laws – Qualified

Williams Laws was admitted in 1980. He is currently a sole practitioner focusing on criminal defense and civil rights matters, and has jury and bench trial experience. He has also handled some appeals and a few federal cases. While many attorneys gave favorable comments about his legal knowledge, ability, diligence and professionalism, there were some who disagreed. In one case cited, US v. Murphy-Jackson, it appears that he was found to be ineffective, particularly regarding sentencing issues. He has been involved in some bar association activities with the Cook County Bar Association and also some community activities.



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Mr. William H. Laws is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Adrienne Elaine Davis – 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.



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

Toya T. Harvey – 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.

Tiesha L. Smith – Not Recommended

Tiesha L. Smith declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Tiesha L. Smith is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Travis Richardson – Qualified

Travis Richardson was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 2015, then reappointed in February 2017. Judge Richardson is assigned to the Municipal Division, First District, Traffic Section. Prior to judicial service, he spent most of his career in private practice, litigating in both state and federal court and before administrative agencies in both civil and criminal matters. In addition, he has been a hearing officer for the Chicago Board of Elections. He has substantial litigation experience in complex matters and is considered to be professional, knowledgeable and even-tempered. Judge Travis Richardson 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. John D. Turner, Jr. vacancy (cont'd)

Ieshia Gray - 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 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

Devlin Schoop – Qualified

Devlin Schoop has been licensed since 1997. He was appointed to the circuit court from 2015 to December 2016. He is presently with the Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division of the City of Chicago's Law Department. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Schoop was a partner with Laner Muchin where he focused on complex commercial, employment and civil rights litigation. He has authored articles and been active in pro bono and civic matters, including serving on the Heard Board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. He has extensive litigation experience in complex matters and is considered to be knowledgeable and well-versed with high integrity. Mr. Devlin Schoop is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Arthur Wesley Willis – 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.



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

Debra Ann Seaton - 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.

Sheree D. Henry – Qualified

Sheree D. Henry was admitted in 1994. She is currently an assistant public defender, after initially spending four year with the Cook County Public Guardian. She has criminal jury and bench trial experience, including in complex cases, and has worked in diversion courtrooms. She was also a member of the Illinois National Guard. Attorneys made favorable comments about her legal knowledge and temperament; she is considered to be smart and a hard worker, with sensitivity to racial and ethnic issues, and good integrity. Ms. Sheree D. Henry is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Ubi O’Neal – Not Recommended

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



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

Patrick Thomas Stanton – Qualified

Patrick Thomas Stanton was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1993. He was appointed to the circuit court in January 2017, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District, Traffic Section. Prior to his appointment, he handled commercial litigation and international law for several different firms, the latest being Dykema Gossett where he was also a managing partner. He was also a law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is considered to be a very bright and practical lawyer who has experience in both state and federal courts, with a strong work ethic. He has bar association and pro bono involvement. Judge Patrick Thomas Stanton is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Michael Hayes – Not Qualified

Michael Hayes was admitted in 2002. He is Chicago Police officer who reviews reports for the Chicago Police Department for compliance with Fourth Amendment issues, and also assists with developing training in that area. He was also been an arbitrator and he was an assistant state's attorney from 2003-2006. While he was considered knowledgeable and diligent as an assistant state's attorney, his criminal litigation experience, including his three juries, is not recent. Mr. Michael Hayes is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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



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

David R. Navarro – 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.

Caroline Jamieson Golden – Qualified

Caroline Jamieson Golden has been licensed since 1992. She is currently employed at Soto Law, focusing on civil rights defense and appellate work. Her prior employment includes the firms Querrey & Harrow doing insurance defense, and handling litigation at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg. She is considered to be very good at handling complex cases, and to pay great attention to detail, while also being fair, honest and professional. She is active with her parish and in youth sports. Ms. Caroline Jamieson Golden is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

John A. O'Meara – Qualified

John A. O'Meara has been licensed since 1995. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in November, 2016, and is currently assigned to the Municipal Division, First District, Non-jury Civil section. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Curcio Law Offices, where he concentrated in civil litigation. He was also a litigation and trial attorney for several other private firms and was an arbitrator for Cook County. He has extensive civil jury and bench trial experience, and is considered to have excellent courtroom skills, and to be professional with high integrity. Judge John A. O'Meara is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza – 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.

Danny Collins - Qualified

Daniel Collins was admitted to practice in 1998. He has been in private practice for most his career, most recently with a solo practice focusing on workers' compensation, criminal, business litigation, and employment issues. He has substantial trial experience, and is well respected by attorneys for his trial experience, excellent legal knowledge, demeanor, and research skills. Mr. Daniel Collins is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Martin D. Reggi – Qualified

Martin Reggi was admitted in 1980. After spending a few years as an assistant state's attorney, he opened his own practice in 1985, focusing on criminal and traffic defense and real estate matters. He has tried some criminal jury and bench trials and has handled some appeals. He is considered to be a competent and diligent attorney. Mr. Martin D. Reggi is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Rhonda Salleé – Not Recommended

Rhonda Salleé declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Rhonda Salleé is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

H. Yvonne Coleman – 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 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.

Gino Betts – Not Recommended

Gino Betts declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Additionally, Mr. Betts was licensed to practice in 2009; less than ten years required. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Mr. Gino Betts is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Gwendolyn D. Anderson – Not Recommended

Gwendolyn D. Anderson declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Gwendolyn Anderson is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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Circuit Court – Cook County – 5th Subcircuit – Hon. Rickey Jones vacancy

Marian E. Perkins – 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.

Jenetia Marshall – Not Recommended

Jenetia Marshall declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Jenetia Marshall is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

David L. Kelly – Qualified

David L. Kelly has been licensed since 2001. After serving as an assistant state's attorney, he opened his own general practice in 2006, focusing on criminal defense and real estate. He has both criminal and civil trial experience. He is well-regarded for his litigation skills, knowledge and temperament, and is considered to be ethical and respectful. He is active in bar associations and legal clinics. Mr. David L. Kelly is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Robert Harris – 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.

Shay Tyrone Allen – Not Qualified

Shay T. Allen was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2001. He is a solo practitioner concentrating mainly in criminal defense and civil rights cases. He was previously employed with the Cook County State's Attorney and with a private criminal defense firm. While he is considered to be a hard worker with adequate legal knowledge in his area, the concerns were raised over the depth and breadth of his total legal experience and his lack of complex litigation. Mr. Allen is found to be **Not Qualified** to election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Mary Alice Melchor – Not Qualified

Mary Alice Melchor has been licensed since 1992. Since 2005, she has been the Inspector General for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, serving previously in the Clerk's office as Associate Clerk of the County Bureau and Chief Deputy Clerk in Maywood. Prior to joining the Clerk's office, she was in private practice, a Senior Attorney for the Chicago Housing Authority, and an associate handling insurance defense matters for a private firm. Her minimal trial experience dates to the 1990's. While she is considered to be even-tempered, she has no recent courtroom experience. She is past president of the Black Women Lawyers Association. Ms. Mary Melchor is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

David C. Herrera – Qualified

David Herrera has been licensed since 2000. After spending 17 years as an assistant state's attorney, he entered private practice with the Luisi Legal Group, focusing on criminal defense. He has substantial criminal jury and bench trial experience. He is considered to have good courtroom ability, to be diligent, and to be creative with his research. He has lectured on legal issues, has been active with bar association and community activities, and in 2017 was named by the Puerto Rican Bar Association as one of the recipient of a Vanguard Award. Mr. David C. Herrera is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Kent A. Delgado – 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.

Sean Patrick Kelly – Not Qualified

Sean Patrick Kelly has been licensed since 2006. He has been an assistant state's attorney in DuPage County since 2007. While he has tried both juries and bench trials, and is considered to be professional, attorneys interviewed during the investigation questioned his experience in complex cases and with complex litigation. Mr. Sean Patrick Kelly is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Charles “Charlie” Beach – Qualified

Charles “Charlie” Beach has been licensed since 1996. In September 2017, he was appointed to the Circuit Court and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, District 1, Traffic Section. Prior to his appointment, Judge Beach owned his own practice where he primarily focused on DUI and criminal defense. Early in his career he was a clerk for the Appellate Court, and assistant public defender, and worked in a small private firm. He is considered to be very knowledgeable in his area, and to be a hard worker with high integrity. He has both lectured and published on DUI law. Judge Charles Beach is found to be **Qualified** for election the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Edward J. Underhill – Qualified

Edward J. Underhill was admitted to practice in Illinois in 1984. He has been with Masuda Funai Eifert & Mitchell since 1985 and has been a partner since 1997. Mr. Underhill’s focus is on business litigation and counseling. He is considered to be a solid practitioner with good legal ability and substantial litigation experience. Mr. Edward J. Underhill is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Andrea Michelle Webber – 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.



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

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

Stephanie K. Miller – Qualified

Stephanie K. Miller was admitted in 1999. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2017, and is currently assigned to Pretrial matters at the Leighton Criminal Court building. Prior to her appointment, Judge Miller spent 16 years as an assistant state's attorney prosecuting juvenile, felony and sex crimes. She has extensive criminal jury and bench trial experience, and is known for her solid legal knowledge and ability. She is considered to be professional with a good judicial temperament. She has been involved with bar association and community activities. Judge Stephanie K. Miller is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

James “Jamie” Shapiro – 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.



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Circuit Court – Cook County – 8th Subcircuit – Hon. Candace J. Fabri vacancy (cont'd)

Stephen Feldman – Qualified

Stephen Feldman has been licensed in Illinois since 2001. He is a solo practitioner with a concentration on criminal defense. He has also been an administrative law judge for the Secretary of State, and prior to starting his own practice he was an attorney with the City of Chicago Law Department, as well as an enforcement attorney for the Secretary of State. While not extensive in number, he has handled both criminal and civil juries. He is considered to have adequate legal knowledge, to be impartial, and to work hard with a good temperament. He has taught trial advocacy at John Marshall law school. Mr. Stephen Feldman is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Robin Denise Shoffner – Qualified

Robin D. Shoffner was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2014, and then reappointed in June 2016. She currently is assigned to the 4th Municipal District (Maywood). Prior to her judicial appointments, Judge Shoffner worked for the City of Chicago Department of Law doing civil litigation defense, appearing mainly in federal court. She had also worked in private practice and as a litigation counsel for AON Corporation. She has substantial litigation experience and as an attorney, was considered to be very knowledgeable, always prepared and professional. Judge Robin Denise Shoffner is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

John Christopher Benson - Qualified

John C Benson was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1989. After spending 14 years with the Cook County Public Defender, he became Director of Criminal Law at Cabrini-Green Legal Aid. In 2010 he opened his own practice handling mainly criminal defense and civil rights litigation. He has tried more than forty juries as lead counsel and has handled complex litigation at both the state and federal levels, as well as some appeals. He is considered to be very professional and generally well-prepared and a hard worker. He has volunteered with the NAACP. Mr. John Christopher Benson is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Bonnie C. McGrath – Not Recommended

Bonnie C. McGrath declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Bonnie C. McGrath is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Lindsay Huge – 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.

Michael Forti – Qualified

Michael A. Forti has been licensed since 1980. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2016. Prior to his appointment, from 2012-2015, he was the chief counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation. Earlier in his career, he was Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago Law Department, and a partner at Bell Boyd & Lloyd. Attorneys report that he has good legal knowledge, considers matters thoughtfully, is even-keeled and treats all equally. Judge Michael A. Forti is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Cyrus Hosseini – Not Recommended

Cyrus Hosseini declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Additionally, Mr. Hosseini was admitted to practice law in 2012; less than the ten years required. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Cyrus Hosseini is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Athena A. Farmakis – Qualified

Athena Farmakis was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1993. She has been a career assistant state's attorney, currently assigned as a supervisor in the Preliminary Hearings Unit of the Criminal Prosecutions Unit. She has tried numerous criminal juries as lead counsel, and is considered to have excellent legal knowledge and ability, with a good demeanor, integrity and diligence. She has been active with the Hellenic Bar Association and with animal-care organizations. Ms. Athena Farmakis is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Jeanne Marie Wrenn - Qualified

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.

Myron “Mike” Mackoff – Qualified

Myron “Mike” Mackoff has been licensed since 1994. He was appointment to the Circuit Court in December, 2016, and is currently assigned to Domestic Relations. Prior to his appointment, Judge Mackoff was a partner in the firm of Richardson and Mackoff, which he joined in 2009 after spending time with the Illinois Attorney General and with a private firm. As an attorney he concentrated on litigation, trying both criminal and civil cases, and has substantial jury and bench trial experience. He is considered to be always prepared, diligent and very competent. He has been active in bar association matters, has taught at Northwestern University School of Law, and in 2008 the North District of Illinois Federal Trial Bar presented him with an Award for Excellence for Pro Bono work. Judge Myron Mackoff is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Rishi Agrawal – Qualified

Rishi Agrawal has been licensed in Illinois since 1998. After working for various private practitioners for five years, he is currently in private practice at The Agrawal Firm, concentrating on commercial and family law. He has both criminal and civil jury experience. The investigation showed he is considered to be well-prepared, even-tempered and calm, with a strong work ethic. He has assisted with the Indian-American Bar clinic. Mr. Rishi Agrawal is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Stephanie Saltouros – 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.

Gwyn E. Ward-Brown – Not Qualified

Gwyndolette E. Ward-Brown has been licensed in Illinois since 1991, in Wisconsin since 1989. She had a solo practice in Wisconsin before moving to Illinois and becoming an assistant public defender. She has been assigned for a number of years to the Legal Resources Division, handling appeals and post-conviction matters. While she is considered to be diligent and knowledgeable in her area, she has very limited jury trial experience, all dating from approximately twenty years ago. Ms. Gwyn E. Ward-Brown is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Lorraine Murphy - Qualified

Lorraine Murphy has been licensed since 2003. She is an assistant state’s attorney assigned to Felony Trial at the Leighton Criminal Court building. She is considered to be very accomplished attorney with substantial jury and bench trial experience and to treat all with respect. Ms. Lorraine Murphy is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Colleen Reardon Daly – 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.

Noreen Patricia Connolly – Not Recommended

Noreen Patricia Connolly declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Ms. Noreen Patricia Connolly is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Gerald Cleary – Qualified

Gerald Cleary has been licensed since 1989. He was first appointed to the circuit court in November 2015, and subsequently reappointed in November 2016. He is currently assigned to the Chancery Division, Calendar 63, Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section. Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice with several different firms, handling personal injury defense and advising corporations on risk management issues. He has handled numerous civil jury trials. It is reported that he is knowledgeable about the law, is prepared, efficient, fair-minded, and professional. Judge Gerald Cleary is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Jill Rose Quinn – Qualified

Jill Rose Quinn has been licensed since 1983. She is a sole practitioner with a general practice, focusing on family, criminal, probate, real estate, and business matters. Prior to opening her practice in 1996 she worked for several private firms. She has limited criminal jury experience but many civil bench trials, and has handled some appellate matters. She is considered to have good legal ability with good demeanor. Ms. Jill Rose Quinn 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 (cont’d)



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Thomas J. Gabryszewski – Not Qualified

Thomas J. Gabryszewski was admitted to practice in 1990. He has been a solo practitioner since 1997, after working as a litigation associate at two firms. He focuses on personal injury and criminal defense matters. He served in the U.S. Marines and is a regular volunteer at the Amicus Polonie Legal Clinic. He is considered to be prepared, pleasant and knowledgeable in his area. Concerns were raised, however, over his lack of experience with complex cases, and over his lack of recent jury trial experience. Mr. Thomas J. Gabryszewski is found **Not Qualified** to be elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

Joanne F. Rosado – Qualified

Joanne F. Rosado has been licensed since 2002. 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 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.

Scott J. Frankel – Qualified

Scott J. Frankel has been licensed since 1987. He is in private practice with Frankel & Cohen, concentrating on criminal defense and employment matters. He has extensive trial experience in both state and federal courts and also with appeals. He is considered to be very professional, smart and prepared. He has lectured on legal matters and has bar association and community involvement. Mr. Scott J. Frankel is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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Circuit Court – Cook County – 12th Subcircuit – Hon. William O. Maki vacancy

David Studenroth – 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.

Alan M. Jacob – Not Recommended

Alan M. Jacob declined to participate in the judicial evaluation process. Pursuant to ISBA guidelines, Mr. Alan M. Jacob is found to be **Not Recommended** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Joel Chupack – 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.

Carmine Trombetta – Qualified

Carmine Trombetta was admitted in 1983. He has his own general law practice, focusing on criminal and civil cases, real estate and bankruptcy. He does have both jury and bench trial experience, and is considered competent, professional and hard-working with a great demeanor. Mr. Carmine Trombetta is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Thomas Raymond Molitor – Not Qualified

Thomas Raymond Molitor has been licensed since 1985. He is solo practitioner with a broad-based general practice in the northern suburbs, handling litigation, wills and real-estate matters. He is considered to be professional, knowledgeable, courteous and always friendly. Concerns were raised over his lack of recent and complex litigation. Mr. Thomas Molitor is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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

Gary W. Seyring – Qualified

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.

Susanne Groebner – Qualified

Susanne Groebner has been licensed since 2000. She is a career assistant state's attorney, and is currently assigned to felony courthouses in District 3 (Rolling Meadows). She has tried close to 50 criminal juries as lead counsel and hundreds of bench trials. She is considered to have a thorough knowledge of the legal process, and to be diligent, even-keeled and open-minded. In general, she is seen as honest and respectful; early campaign materials, however, improperly appeared to refer to her as a sitting judge, and the material was corrected after a complaint was filed. She is active in local youth sports activities. Ms. Susanne Groebner is found to be **Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Ketki “Kay” Steffen – 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.



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

Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald – 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 Circuit Court of Cook County.

Michael Perry Gerber – Highly Qualified

Michael Perry Gerber was admitted in 1980. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 2016, and is currently assigned to the Second District (Skokie) as a Municipal Department judge. Prior to his appointment, he spent over thirty years as an assistant state's attorney after a short stint in private practice and as an assistant public defender. As a prosecutor, he had extensive criminal jury trial experience; he was cited, however, several times for improper closing arguments. As a judge, attorneys report that he makes thoughtful rulings, is very knowledgeable, researches the law and runs his courtroom efficiently. Judge Gerber is found to be **Highly Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Shannon P. O'Malley – 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 - 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 - 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

Marina Ammendola – Qualified

Marina Ammendola was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1981. In February 2017 she was appointed to the Circuit Court and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, District 1, Traffic Section. Prior to her appointment, Judge Ammendola was in private practice with her own firm, after first being employed with Patricia Bobb & Associates. She practiced primarily as a plaintiff’s attorney in the area of medical negligence, and as a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem for minors. She received high praise from other attorneys for her legal knowledge, her ability to handle complex matters, and her integrity. She has also published legal articles and participate in activities such as mock trials. Judge Marina Ammendola is found to be **Qualified** to be elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County.



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Circuit Court – Cook County – 14th Subcircuit – Hon. Rodolfo Garcia vacancy (cont'd)

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.

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

Ashonta Rice-Akiwowo – Not Qualified

Ashonta Rice-Akiwowo has been licensed since 2005. She worked for the Cook County Public Guardian until 2007 when she opened a solo practice focusing on family law. She is considered to be well-prepared, even-tempered and bright; she has never been lead counsel in a jury trial, and attorneys raised concerns over her lack of complex litigation. Ms. Ashonta Rice-Akiwowo is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Michael B. Barrett – 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.



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

Karla Marie Fiaoni – 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.

Anthony C. Swanagan – Not Qualified

Anthony C. Swanagan has been licensed since 1987. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in April of 2017 and is currently assigned to the Municipal Department, First District and Forcible Entry & Detainer Section. Prior to his appointment he was career law clerk for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Previously, he was a corporate attorney for Covia Partnership and Galileo International, and had served as a law clerk with the Illinois Appellate Court and the United States District of Illinois. While considered bright, knowledgeable and diligent, as an attorney he had no personal experience with either jury or bench trials. Judge Anthony C. Swanagan is found to be **Not Qualified** for election to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Scott McKenna – 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.