

**Illinois State Bar Association
JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS
2020 General Election**

Candidates seeking election or retention to the Illinois Appellate or Supreme Courts are reviewed in a comprehensive evaluation process. This involves a detailed background investigation by members of the ISBA Judicial Evaluations Committee, followed by an in-person interview of the candidate. The Committee then decides whether to issue a rating of “Highly Recommended,” “Recommended” or “Not Recommended” for candidates seeking to fill a vacancy, or to issue a “Yes” recommendation or a “No” recommendation rating for each candidate seeking retention. Ratings based on these judicial evaluations are the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association. Ratings for the Appellate and Supreme Court candidates (outside of Cook County) running in the November 3, 2020 General Election are below.

2nd Judicial District, Appellate Court

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

No judicial vacancies

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
For Retention – Appellate Court		
<p><i>For Appellate Court</i></p> <p>Ann B. Jorgensen</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Justice Ann B. Jorgensen</p> <p>Justice Ann B. Jorgensen is a candidate for retention on the Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Jorgensen was appointed to the Appellate Court from the Second Judicial District in 2008 and was elected to a full ten-year term in 2010. Justice Jorgensen practiced law before serving as a trial court judge from 1989 until her appointment to the Appellate Court.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Judicial Evaluations of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed a written application submitted by Justice Jorgensen. The Committee interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know Justice Jorgensen or who have practiced with or before her to form this recommendation. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. She also presented herself for an interview before members of the Committee.</p> <p>Justice Jorgensen has served as the President of the Illinois Judges Association and has been a frequent lecturer at law seminars. She is regarded as being very knowledgeable of the law. It is reported that Justice Jorgensen has dedicated much time to bringing new technology to the courts to enable them to operate more efficiently. The ISBA Committee on Judicial Evaluations recommends a “Yes” for Justice Jorgensen’s retention on the Illinois Appellate Court.</p>

Judicial Evaluations (cont.)

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
<i>For Retention – Appellate Court</i>		
<p><i>For Appellate Court</i></p> <p>Mary S. Schostok</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Justice Mary S. Schostok</p> <p>Justice Mary Seminara-Schostok is a candidate for retention on the Illinois Appellate Court. Justice Seminara-Schostok was appointed to the Appellate Court from the Second Judicial District in 2008 and has served in that capacity continuously since. Prior to becoming an Appellate Court Justice, Justice Seminara-Schostok was appointed as an Associate Judge in Lake Co. (Waukegan) in 1998 and served in that role until 2000. Justice Seminara-Schostok was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in Lake Co. (Waukegan) in 2001 and she was then elected to continue in that position in 2002. She served in that role until 2008 when she became an Appellate Court Justice. Before becoming a judge, Justice Seminara-Schostok worked for ten years as a prosecutor in Waukegan and, earlier, as a part-time public defender and an attorney in private practice.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Judicial Evaluations of the Illinois State Bar Association has reviewed a written application submitted by Justice Seminara-Schostok. The Committee interviewed judges and numerous attorneys from various areas of practice who know her or who have practiced before her to form this recommendation. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. She also presented herself for an interview before members of the Committee.</p> <p>Justice Seminara-Schostok is considered a hard-working, intelligent, and thoughtful judge who is active in a wide variety of professional, community, and charitable organizations.</p> <p>The ISBA Committee on Judicial Evaluations voted “yes” for Justice Mary Seminara-Schostok’s retention on the Illinois Appellate Court.</p>

Illinois State Bar Association
JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
2020 General Election

The Illinois State Bar Association Judicial Advisory Poll is conducted electronically and by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks election (except Cook County). Illinois licensed attorneys who are not members of the ISBA, or any Illinois licensed attorney outside the circuit or district, may request a ballot. Opinions expressed in the Poll are those of the attorneys who chose to respond to the Poll and their opinions do not reflect the opinions of the ISBA or the opinions of *all* Illinois attorneys. Poll ratings do not constitute an endorsement by the Illinois State Bar Association.

Candidates are rated as “recommended” or “not recommended” based on whether respondents agree that the candidate “meets acceptable requirements for the office.” Candidates must receive at least 65% “yes” responses to that question in order to be rated as “Recommended”. Percentage is based on "yes" responses to each question; "no opinion" responses are not included.

2nd Judicial District, Appellate Court Judge										
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	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<i>No judicial vacancies</i>										
<i>For Retention - Appellate</i>										
Ann B. Jorgensen	599	R	94.94	97.12	94.72	95.80	96.11	97.60	98.04	96.90
Mary S. Schostok	413	R	90.98	95.07	90.46	91.93	93.58	96.48	97.70	95.23

R Recommended NR Not Recommended * Insufficient number of responses

Judicial Advisory Poll (cont.)

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit										
<i>DuPage County</i>										
JOINT POLL WITH THE DUPAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION										
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<i>Vacancy of ROBERT J. ANDERSON</i>										
Jeffrey M. Jacobson	171	NR	61.49	83.33	81.65	62.42	86.77	75.00	87.70	85.23
Monique O'Toole	120	R	83.64	97.35	92.04	80.91	92.11	92.38	98.11	93.58
<i>Vacancy of GEORGE J. BAKALIS</i>										
James F. McCluskey	416	R	90.89	92.87	90.73	95.57	94.48	94.67	98.02	93.37
Margaret "Peggy" O'Connell	232	R	76.79	88.74	82.35	80.18	80.90	87.56	93.68	93.46
<i>Vacancy of PATRICK J. O'SHEA</i>										
Richard D. Felice	361	R	92.59	94.78	92.98	96.08	95.11	95.56	94.59	94.36
Azam Nizamuddin	111	R	70.47	90.29	79.41	69.23	85.00	80.68	95.60	88.35
<i>Vacancy of RONALD D. SUTTER</i>										
Jill Otte	*	*								
Ann Celine Walsh	299	R	92.86	96.95	92.78	94.52	91.50	95.89	98.57	96.17
<i>For Retention</i>										
John J. Kinsella	264	R	94.40	96.44	86.40	96.85	91.09	93.80	96.55	89.26
Bob Kleeman	302	R	85.03	82.94	87.97	94.59	83.22	94.79	94.91	86.69

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