Illinois State Bar Association JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS 2022 General Election

Candidates seeking election to or retention on the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Courts are reviewed in a comprehensive evaluation process. This involves a detailed background investigation by members of the ISBA Judicial Evaluations Committee-Outside Cook County, followed by an in-person interview of the candidate. The Committee then decides whether to issue a rating of "Yes" or "No" for retention, or a rating of "Highly Recommended," "Recommended," or "Not Recommended" for candidates seeking to fill a vacancy. 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 8, 2022 General Election are below.

2nd Judicial District, Supreme and Appellate Courts Includes Circuits 16, 19, 22 and 23. The following counties fall under the Second Judicial District: DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry.			
Supreme Court Vaca	Supreme Court Vacancy		
Thomas Vacancy	Thomas Vacancy		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>	
For Supreme Court Mark C. Curran, Jr.	Not Recommended		

2nd Judicial District, Supreme Court Vacancy		
Thomas Vacancy		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
For Supreme Court Elizabeth "Liz"	Highly	Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford is a candidate for the position of Supreme Court Justice, representing the Second District of Illinois (now comprised of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake,
Rochford	Recommended	and McHenry counties). The Supreme Court is the state's highest court; it also supervises and administers the state's judicial system.
		Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford was appointed to serve as an associate judge in Lake County, Illinois in 2012. Prior to her judicial appointment, she was in private practice beginning in 1990 where she focused on probate and estate planning matters. She also served as a commissioner on the Illinois Court of Claims for twenty-two years. She was also an assistant state's attorney in the appellate, misdemeanor, and felony units of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office from 1986 to 1990.
		The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee – Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford and has interviewed judges, court personnel, and numerous lawyers from various areas of practice who know and have worked or practice with, against, or in front of her. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford also presented herself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford to be Highly Recommended for the position of Justice of Supreme Court for the Second District for the State of Illinois.

2nd Judicial Distric	ct, Appellate Co	ourt Vacancy
Burke Vacancy		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
For Appellate Court		Susan Clancy Boles
Susan Clancy Boles	Highly Recommended	Susan Clancy Boles is a candidate for the position of Appellate Court Justice in the Second District of Illinois (now comprised of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits within that district.
		Susan Clancy Boles serves a judge on the Circuit Court for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, having been appointed as an associate judge in 2007, a circuit judge in 2008, and subsequently elected as a circuit judge in 2010. Prior to her time on the bench, Susan Clancy Boles worked in private practice for approximately seventeen years.
		The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Susan Clancy Boles and has interviewed judges and numerous lawyers from various areas of practice who know and have worked or practiced with, against, or in front of her. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Susan Clancy Boles also presented herself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Susan Clancy Boles to be Highly Recommended for the position of Justice of the Second District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois.

2nd Judicial District, Appellate Court Vacancy		
<u>Burke Vacancy</u>		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
For Appellate Court Chris Kennedy	Rating Highly Recommended	Chris Kennedy Chris Kennedy is a candidate for the position of Appellate Court Justice in the Second District of Illinois (now comprised of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits within that district. Chris Kennedy was appointed to serve as an associate judge in Lake County, Illinois in January 2020. Prior to his appointment, he served as a prosecuting attorney and worked in private practice litigating a variety of cases since 1994. The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee – Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Chris Kennedy and has interviewed judges, court
		personnel, and numerous lawyers from various areas of practice who know and have worked or practiced with, against, or in front of him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Chris Kennedy also presented himself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee. The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Chris Kennedy to be Highly Recommended for the position of Justice of the Second District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois.

2nd Judicial District, Appellate Court Retention		
For the retention of		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
Appellate Court Joseph Birkett	Yes	Justice Joseph E. Birkett is a candidate for retention to the position of Appellate Court Justice for the Second District of Illinois (now comprised of DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits withing that district. Justice Birkett was appointed to serve as an appellate justice in 2010 and then elected to the position in 2012. Prior to his judicial appointment, he was the State's Attorney of DuPage County beginning in 1996. Prior to that, he was an Assistant States Attorney from 1981 when he was admitted to the bar until his election as State's Attorney. The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Justice Birkett and has interviewed judges, court personnel, and numerous lawyers who know and have worked or practiced with, against, or in front of him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Justice Birkett also presented himself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee. The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County recommends a "Yes" for
		before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.

3rd Judicial District, Supreme Court Vacancy
Includes Circuits 12, 13, 18 and 21. The following counties fall under the Third Judicial District: Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, and

Kilbride Vacancy

	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>
For Supreme Court		Michael J. Burke
Michael J. Burke	Highly Recommended	Michael J. Burke is a candidate for the position of Supreme Court Justice, representing the Third District of Illinois (now comprised of Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, and Will counties). The Supreme Court is the state's highest court; it also supervises and administers the state' judicial system.
		Michael J. Burke currently serves as a Justice on the Illinois Supreme Court to which he was appointed in 2020. Prior to this appointment, he served as an Appellate Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court between 2008 and 2020; a circuit judge in the Eighteenth Circuit between 2001 and 2008; and an associate judge in the Eighteenth Circuit since 1992.
		The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee – Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Michael J. Burke, has interviewed his peers and colleagues, and has received feedback from lawyers who have appeared before him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Michael J. Burke also presented himself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Michael J. Burke to be Highly Recommended for the position of Justice of the Supreme Court for Third District for the State of Illinois.

3rd Judicial District, Supreme Court Vacancy		
Kilbride Vacancy		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
		Mary K. O'Brien
For Supreme Court Mary K. O'Brien	Recommended	Mary K. O'Brien is a candidate for the position of Supreme Court Justice, representing the Third District of Illinois (now comprised of Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, and Will counties). The Supreme Court is the state's highest court; it also supervises and administers the state' judicial system. Mary K. O'Brien currently serves as a Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court on which she has served for approximately eighteen years. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as a
		state legislator from 1996 to 2003. The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee – Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Mary K. O'Brien, has interviewed her peers and colleagues, and has received feedback from lawyers who have appeared before her. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Mary K. O'Brien also presented herself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Mary K. O'Brien to be Recommended for the position of Justice of the Supreme Court for Third District for the State of Illinois.

3rd Judicial Distri	ct, Appellate Co	ourt Vacancy
Wright Vacancy		
	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>
		Liam Christopher Brennan
For Appellate Court Liam Christopher Brennan	Highly Recommended	Liam Christopher Brennan is a candidate for the position of Appellate Court Justice in the Third District of Illinois (now comprised of Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, and Will counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits within that district.
		Liam Christopher Brennan was appointed as a Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court in March 2020. Prior to serving on the Appellate Court, he served as a circuit judge for the Eighteenth Circuit since 2014 and an associate judge since 2008. Additionally, he was an assistant state's attorney in the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office for approximately ten years, a law clerk for the Illinois Supreme Court for two years, and he worked in private practice for two years.
		The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee – Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Liam Christopher Brennan and has interviewed judges, and numerous lawyers from various areas of practice who know and have worked or practiced with, against, or in front of him. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Liam Christopher Brennan also presented himself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County finds Liam Christopher Brennan to be Highly Recommended for the position of Justice of the Third District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois.

3rd Judicial District, Appellate Court Vacancy			
Wright Vacancy	Wright Vacancy		
	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>	
For Appellate Court Sonni Choi Williams	Not Recommended		

3rd Judicial District, Appellate Court Retention

No Retention candidates in the Third Judicial District

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court

Includes Circuits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 20 and 24. The following counties fall under the Fifth Judicial District: Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

Overstreet Vacancy

	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>
For Appellate Court Mike McHaney	Not Recommended	

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court		
Overstreet Vacancy		
	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>
For Appellate Court Brian Roberts	Not Recommended	Brian Roberts is a candidate for the position of Appellate Court Justice in the Fifth District of Illinois (now comprised of Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits within that district. The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee – Outside Cook County evaluates judicial candidates for legal ability, experience, fairness, and judicial temperament, among other qualifications. Brian Roberts was offered the opportunity to participate in the ISBA Judicial Evaluations Committee's investigation could not be completed. Without the timely cooperation of Brian Roberts, it is impossible for the Judicial Evaluations Committee to fully evaluate his qualifications. Therefore, the Judicial Evaluations Committee – Outside Cook County cannot recommend Brian Roberts for the office of Justice of the Fifth District Appellate Court for the State of Illinois.

5th Judicial District,	Appellate Court	
For the retention of		
	Rating	<u>Narrative</u>
		Judy Cates
Appellate Court Judy Cates	Yes	Justice Judy Cates is a candidate for retention to the position of Appellate Court Justice for the Fifth District of Illinois (now comprised of Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson counties). Except when a circuit court's decision may be appealed directly to the Illinois Supreme Court, a person has the right to appeal the decision to the Illinois Appellate Court. The appellate court is organized into five districts, each of which hears appeals from the circuits withing that district.
		Justice Cates was elected to the 5 th District Appellate Court in November of 2012 and is completing her first term. Before joining the Appellate Court, she first practiced law as an Assistant State's Attorney for St. Clair County, Illinois. After leaving the State's Attorney's office, she entered private practice, concentrating in complex litigation cases, such as personal injury, class actions, mass actions, sexual harassment, and corporate disputes. Justice Cates was engaged in the private practice of law for 30 years prior to being elected to the 5th District Appellate Court in 2012.
		The Illinois State Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County has reviewed a written submission by Justice Cates and has interviewed judges, court personnel, and numerous lawyers who know and have worked or practiced with, against, or in front of her. Areas of inquiry and evaluation include litigation experience; legal knowledge and ability; other professional experience or activities; integrity; character; professional and judicial temperament; and health. Justice Cates also presented herself for an interview before a subcommittee of the Judicial Evaluations Committee.
		The Judicial Evaluations Committee - Outside Cook County recommends a "Yes" for Justice Judy Cates' retention on the Appellate Court for the Fifth District of the State of Illinois.

Illinois State Bar Association JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL 2022 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.

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, Supre Includes Circuits 16, 19, 22 and 23. Th			nder the Secor	nd Judicial	District: De	eKalb, Kane,	Kendall, Lake	, McHenry.		
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Supreme Court Vacancy	•									
Thomas Vacancy										
Mark C. Curran, Jr.	144	NR	26.81	52.94	37.31	31.39	45.52	52.76	70.34	46.83
Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford	250	R	87.95	95.14	92.74	89.80	93.09	94.58	96.51	93.78
Supreme Court Retention										
No judges are up for retentio	n.									

R Recommended

^{*} Insufficient number of responses.

2nd Judicial District, App	pellate	Court								
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Appellate Court Vacancy										
Burke Vacancy										
Susan Clancy Boles	273	R	94.46	96.31	95.54	95.94	95.57	96.64	97.71	96.59
Chris Kennedy	*									
Appellate Court Retention										
Joseph Birkett	269	R	77.48	83.59	74.71	86.59	79.92	92.06	92.53	84.08

	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Supreme Court Vacancy		l	l	l						
Kilbride Vacancy										
Michael J. Burke	209	R	89.90	92.23	88.35	93.75	93.63	96.08	96.94	92.50
Mary K. O'Brien	263	R	78.68	88.84	80.86	81.78	91.30	89.43	94.12	90.76
Supreme Court Retention										
No judges are up for retention	٦.									
Appellate Court Vacancy										
Wright Vacancy										
Liam Christopher Brennan	191	R	88.36	89.84	87.57	93.62	88.24	92.47	94.32	89.13
Sonni Choi Williams	283	NR	61.45	81.37	74.90	56.55	77.70	76.76	89.92	85.34

5th Judicial District, Appellate Court

Includes Circuits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 20 and 24. The following counties fall under the Fifth Judicial District: Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Dewit, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson

	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Supreme Court Vacancy and	Retenti	on								
No vacancies or judges ι	up for re	tention in the	Supreme C	ourt						
Appellate Court Vacancy										

Appenate Court vacancy										
Overstreet Vacancy										
Mike McHaney	210	NR	44.44	59.07	61.88	68.37	41.71	74.74	76.47	55.26
Brian Roberts	138	NR	51.56	61.90	62.60	66.67	69.29	58.47	58.97	77.31
Appellate Court Retention)									
Judy Cates	279	R	69.96	69.74	61.94	92.65	70.30	88.76	88.89	88.21

R Recommended

First Judicial Circuit Alexan	der, Jack	son, Johnson, Mass	sac, Pope, Pulaski	, Saline, Union	and Williamsor	n counties				
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Bleyer Vacancy										
Steven M.J. Bost	76	R	98.55	93.33	93.15	87.50	96.00	97.30	98.63	95.71
Boie Vacancy										
Timothy D. Denny	56	R	71.70	77.36	70.91	71.70	74.07	82.00	95.92	72.00
Grace Vacancy										
Ralph "Boomer" Bloodworth	83	R	100	100	98.78	98.78	100	100	100	100
Christine Heins	50	NR	52.17	86.96	78.26	60.87	68.09	80.49	81.58	85.71
Morris Vacancy										
Jayson Clark	34	R	70.00	70.00	67.74	76.47	74.19	80.00	93.75	76.67
Retention										
Jeffery B. Farris	61	R	91.80	89.83	90.00	98.31	87.93	87.93	94.74	89.66

NR Not Recommended

Second Judicial Circuit	Crawford	, Edwards, Franklin	, Gallatin, Hamilton	, Hardin, Jeffe	erson, Lawrence	e, Richland, Wa	bash, Wayne and	White counties		
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy										
Hopkins Vacancy										
Michael M. Strange	*									
Retention										
Michael J Valentine	50	R	98.00	100	98.00	100	98.00	100	100	100

Third Judicial Circuit Bon	d and Mad	ison counties								
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
<u>Dugan Vacancy</u>										
John Barry Julian	105	R	77.23	80.00	76.24	94.06	84.31	87.25	84.78	84.69
Christopher Threlkeld	109	R	86.92	92.38	85.85	88.89	93.52	92.31	96.12	89.00
Mudge Vacancy										
Tim Berkley	65	R	75.41	86.67	73.77	83.61	78.33	87.27	94.55	82.69
A. Ryan Jumper	116	R	90.52	94.78	92.11	92.98	95.61	94.74	97.35	95.65
Tognarelli Vacancy										
Ebony R. Huddleston	70	NR	56.92	78.69	73.33	51.47	73.85	62.07	85.45	82.81
Amy E. Sholar	112	R	79.09	85.19	79.82	88.18	84.55	93.27	93.33	88.68
Retention										
No judges are up for reter	ntion.									

NR Not Recommended

Fourth Judicial Circuit	Christian,	Clay, Clinton, Effing	ham, Fayette, Jas _l	per, Marion, Mo	ontgomery and	Shelby countie	s			
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Hartigan Vacancy										
Chad M. Miller	35	R	94.29	97.06	97.06	94.12	96.97	97.06	100	100
Koester Vacancy										
Bryan M. Kibler	54	NR	49.02	51.02	54.90	78.43	76.47	63.04	75.00	71.43
Sheafor, Jr.Vacancy										
J. Marc Kelly	81	R	95.06	97.50	92.50	98.75	95.00	96.20	98.72	93.42
Joshua C. Morrison	**									
Retention										
Doug Jarman	63	R	93.65	95.24	95.24	96.83	95.24	96.83	98.39	95.08
Mike McHaney	75	NR	44.44	55.41	39.19	76.00	45.21	79.45	79.45	48.61
Brad Paisley	37	R	94.59	94.59	94.59	97.30	91.67	91.89	100	94.29
Mark W. Stedelin	46	R	93.48	93.48	88.89	91.11	91.30	91.30	97.83	93.33

^{*} Insufficient number of responses ** A scheduling anomaly for this poll prevents it from being considered valid.

Fifth Judicial Circuit Clark	, Coles, Cu	mberland, Edgar an	d Vermillion coun	ties						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Garst Vacancy										
Mark R. Isaf	*									
Glenn Vacancy										
Brian Bower	47	R	91.49	100	95.74	93.62	91.11	97.73	100	97.78
Retention										
Jonathan T. Braden	31	R	93.55	100	96.77	93.55	93.55	100	100	100
Matt Sullivan	41	R	85.00	85.00	85.00	89.47	84.62	89.19	91.89	87.18

^{*} Insufficient number of responses

Sixth Judicial Circuit	Champaig	n, DeWitt, Douglas,	Macon, Moultrie a	and Piatt counti	es					
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Ford Vacancy										
Benjamin W. Dyer	109	R	97.22	100	97.22	95.33	99.07	97.20	100	99.04
Ladd Vacancy										
Chad Beckett	173	R	76.40	88.68	82.50	84.08	72.78	87.32	94.77	90.54
Sam Limentato	151	R	96.60	97.97	96.62	96.58	95.83	97.24	100	96.45
Little Vacancy										
Shane Mendenhall	73	NR	63.08	88.06	68.18	64.18	85.48	74.19	98.39	77.78
Andrew R. Weatherford	82	NR	41.67	87.67	71.23	36.00	77.78	50.00	90.48	86.15
Retention										
Karle E. Koritz	60	R	96.67	96.67	96.67	94.92	96.55	98.25	100	90.57

^{*} Insufficient number of responses

Seventh Judicial Circuit Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon and Scott counties												
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity		
Vacancy												
Belz Vacancy												
Robin Schmidt	107	R	72.16	87.00	81.00	68.63	79.41	82.80	88.42	85.42		
Retention												
Ryan Cadagin	124	R	95.04	98.37	97.56	90.91	98.37	96.69	100	100		
April Troemper	116	R	78.38	90.35	81.25	74.77	89.38	92.66	96.40	88.68		

NR Not Recommended

Eighth Judicial Circuit	Adams,	Brown, Calhoun, Cas	ss, Mason, Menard	d, Pike and Sch	nuyler counties					
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Butler Vacancy										
No candidates										
Tucker Vacancy										
Roger B. Thomson	*									
For Retention										
Robert Adrian	46	NR	29.55	30.23	38.64	68.89	30.43	87.50	63.89	34.09
Scott D. Larson	41	R	97.56	97.56	97.56	100	97.56	100	100	97.50

NR Not Recommended

Ninth Judicial Circuit	-ulton, Ha	nncock, Henderson, K	nox, McDonough a	and Warren cou	unties					
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy										
Shipplett Vacancy										
David M. Hansen	64	R	88.52	91.94	91.67	85.71	90.32	90.48	98.41	95.16
Ken Hogan	48	R	73.91	91.30	91.49	73.91	81.82	79.55	92.86	84.44
Retention										
Heidi A. Benson	48	R	85.11	87.50	85.42	91.49	83.33	89.36	97.92	89.58
Raymond A. Cavanaugh	48	R	93.48	91.67	89.36	95.74	93.62	95.83	95.83	91.49

NR Not Recommended

Tenth Judicial Circuit	Marshall,	Peoria, Putnam, Star	k and Tazewell co	unties						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Gilifillan Vacancy										
Stewart J. Umholtz	94	R	85.06	95.45	88.10	88.52	95.29	95.35	98.75	93.42
McCuskey Vacancy										
Paul Edward Bauer	96	R	95.74	98.90	96.74	97.85	98.91	100	97.73	97.67
Retention										
John P. Vespa	94	NR	58.62	84.52	72.29	56.32	64.37	82.35	91.86	72.15

NR Not Recommended

Eleventh Judicial Circ	uit F	ord, Livingston, Logai	n, McLean and Wo	odford countie	s					
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
<u>Drazewski Vacancy</u>										
Carla Barnes	90	R	86.36	86.75	84.88	85.56	91.01	91.36	97.67	97.70
Lawrence Vacancy										
Don Knapp	88	NR	54.02	73.17	57.83	60.92	75.68	82.89	93.83	75.95
Retention										
Casey Costigan	81	R	97.50	100	97.53	97.47	100	98.73	100	98.75
Charles Feeney	65	R	84.62	95.24	84.38	95.38	79.37	95.38	96.72	86.67
Mark A. Fellheimer	94	R	98.94	98.94	96.81	98.94	97.87	98.94	98.91	99.91

NR Not Recommended

Twelfth Judicial Circuit	Will C	ounty								
JOINT POLL WITH TH	E WILI	L COUNTY BA	R ASSOCIAT	ION						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Schoenstedt Vacancy										
John Connor	118	R	83.33	88.03	82.05	86.21	92.11	84.68	95.58	92.92
Arkadiusz "Art" Smigielski	168	R	93.98	96.43	94.05	95.24	96.41	97.01	97.60	93.98
Powers Vacancy										
Bob Bodach	132	NR	60.16	70.34	66.12	73.02	66.94	78.95	85.71	79.13
Jessica Colón-Sayre	195	R	84.04	92.71	88.42	81.38	91.71	87.96	96.35	96.30
Rossi Vacancy										
Jeffrey Tuminello	95	R	79.57	92.39	84.95	80.65	90.00	89.89	96.70	90.70
Retention										
John C. Anderson	152	R	90.48	92.72	89.86	95.92	90.67	91.22	95.07	97.10
Carmen Goodman	105	R	77.88	93.20	86.27	76.29	90.38	89.22	97.00	88.24
Bobbi Petrungaro	162	R	96.30	96.30	96.89	98.77	96.91	98.76	98.10	97.47

NR Not Recommended

Thirteenth Judicial Circ	cuit Bu	reau, Grundy, LaSa	lle counties							
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy										
Daugherity Vacancy										
Christina Cantlin	86	R	94.05	97.65	94.12	92.86	97.65	95.24	98.82	97.65
Jason Helland	41	NR	27.50	52.63	32.50	46.34	30.00	54.05	78.38	45.00
Retention										
Retention										
Lance R. Peterson	50	R	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	96.00
Howard Chris Ryan, Jr.	64	R	93.75	96.88	92.06	96.88	83.61	93.75	98.36	93.55

NR Not Recommended

Fourteenth Judicial Circ	uit	Henry, Mercer, Roci	k Island and White	eside counties						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
O'Connor Vacancy										
Colby G. Hathaway	*									
Vandewiele Vacancy										
Norma Kauzlarich	68	R	80.30	86.36	80.88	80.88	87.50	75.00	92.06	91.67
Retention										
James G. Conway, Jr	55	R	66.04	85.19	78.85	67.92	54.90	78.43	68.89	72.92
Clarence "Mike" Darrow	63	R	95.24	96.77	92.06	96.83	92.06	98.41	100	95.16
Frank Fuhr	64	R	98.41	100	92.06	98.41	96.88	95.16	100	98.41
Kathleen E. Mesich	49	R	81.25	93.88	89.58	78.72	91.67	93.48	95.83	93.75

NR Not Recommended

Fifteenth Judicial Circui	t Carro	ll, Jo Daviess, Lee, C	Ogle and Stephens	son counties						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Hanson Vacancy										
Clayton L. Lindsey	50	R	100	100	97.87	97.96	97.92	100	100	97.83
Bald Vacancy										
Peter McClanathan	35	R	84.38	90.63	78.79	84.85	90.63	90.00	96.55	80.65
Karla M. Niemann	32	R	70.00	93.75	90.32	60.71	87.10	77.42	100	87.10
Retention										
James M. Hauser	41	R	92.50	94.87	92.50	97.50	90.00	97.37	94.87	97.50

NR Not Recommended

Sixteenth Judicial Circ	uit <i>r</i>	Kane County								
JOINT POLL WITH TH	E KAN	IE COUNTY B	BAR ASSOCI	ATION						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy										
Murphy Vacancy										
Bianca Camargo	147	R	71.11	75.76	78.46	76.64	90.30	91.34	94.78	87.69
Retention										
Susan Clancy Boles	192	R	95.29	95.79	94.74	97.89	96.86	97.86	98.88	96.69
Kevin Busch	203	R	74.47	83.51	68.72	90.82	64.40	93.88	97.27	79.78

Seventeenth Judicial	Circuit	Boone and Winne	ebago counties.							
No judicial vacancies										
JOINT POLL WITH T	HE WINN	EBAGO COUI	NTY BAR AS	SOCIATIO	ON					
Retention										
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Janet Holmgren	144	R	92.96	95.80	93.62	95.80	96.50	93.48	96.88	96.35
C. Robert Tobin III	84	R	87.95	93.98	82.93	87.95	93.90	97.56	96.34	90.00
Kathryn Zenoff	109	R	91.67	93.30	92.59	94.50	94.44	94.23	94.90	94.29

^{*} Insufficient number of responses

Eighteenth Judicial Cir	cuit	DuPage County								
JOINT POLL WITH TH	E DUP	AGE COUNTY	BAR ASSOC	CIATION						
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies					•					
Kleeman Vacancy										
Kavita C. Athanikar	213	R	85.05	91.62	88.95	86.84	89.80	91.40	95.83	92.55
Mia McPherson	212	R	79.40	89.50	86.01	80.60	88.44	85.08	93.68	89.58
Mallen Vacancy										
Jill Otte	131	R	73.39	83.05	81.20	71.65	83.19	77.88	88.24	82.91
Michael "Mike" W. Reidy	323	R	93.69	94.64	93.35	96.14	95.24	96.13	98.03	94.72
Retention										
Liam C. Brennan	232	R	93.27	93.78	93.36	95.59	91.44	96.33	96.67	93.30
Paul Fullerton	308	R	97.38	97.37	96.07	97.36	98.70	98.35	99.32	98.63
Daniel P. Guerin	195	R	93.30	93.30	91.75	95.34	93.75	95.24	95.70	93.44
Kenneth L. Popejoy	325	R	90.51	89.81	89.72	96.27	88.68	96.26	97.63	93.29
Brian F Telander	200	R	97.00	97.50	96.98	99.00	98.00	97.99	98.45	95.88
Bonnie M. Wheaton	329	R	87.96	93.85	88.24	89.91	90.15	92.21	89.86	95.77

NR Not Recommended

Nineteenth Judicial Cir	cuit La	ake County								
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancies										
Cekowski Vacancy										
Reginald Mathews	90	R	91.11	96.59	92.13	83.72	89.77	94.19	98.85	96.59
<u>Ukena Vacancy</u>										
Michael G. "Mike" Nerheim	133	R	90.08	95.35	93.37	90.77	96.15	96.06	98.33	94.31
Winter Vacancy										
John L. Joanem	104	R	66.67	82.65	82.47	62.50	93.00	65.26	96.74	90.91
First Subcircuit – A vacancy										
Chris Ditton	*									
Rod Drobinski	69	NR	64.18	74.63	65.67	71.67	81.54	81.25	93.75	78.79
Second Subcircuit – A Vacai	<u> 1СУ</u>									
Sharmila Manak	*									
Retention										
Mark L. Levitt	86	R	91.86	92.94	88.37	97.65	94.12	93.90	97.53	91.25
Jorge L. Ortiz	129	R	81.30	90.48	88.00	84.68	70.97	90.32	96.49	92.50
Victoria A. Rossetti	83	R	90.00	92.68	87.50	92.68	92.59	92.50	94.81	91.36

NR Not Recommended

Twentieth Judicial Circuit St. Clair county											
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	
Vacancies											
McGlynn Vacancy											
Paul J. Evans	82	NR	38.46	51.35	40.54	47.44	58.11	58.57	74.65	43.28	
Kevin T. Hoerner	118	R	90.60	94.02	87.72	94.92	95.73	93.97	95.45	93.81	
<u>Duebbert Vacancy</u>											
Patrick R. Foley	112	R	97.30	97.30	96.36	98.18	97.30	98.20	99.08	97.27	
Bill Stiehl	107	R	94.29	94.34	92.45	94.34	96.23	93.40	94.74	95.15	
Retention											
Robert Haida	97	R	95.74	94.68	95.65	98.94	94.62	98.90	97.80	97.67	

Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit Monroe, Perry, Randolph and Washington counties											
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	
Vacancy	Vacancy										
Brown Vacancy											
Jeremy R. Walker	57	R	100	100	98.25	100	98.25	100	100	100	
Retention											
No judges are up for retention.											

NR Not Recommended

Twenty-First Judicial Circuit Iroquois and Kankakee counties										
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Vacancy										
Kramer Vacancy										
Scott N. Sliwinski	*									
Kenneth Wright	*									
Retention										
Kathy Bradshaw Elliott	33	R	87.88	93.94	87.88	90.91	87.88	90.91	96.88	87.88

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit McHenry County											
No judicial vacancies											
Retention											
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	
James S. Cowlin	48	R	91.49	93.75	91.67	91.67	82.98	95.83	97.87	89.13	

NR Not Recommended

Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit DeKalb and Kendall counties										
	Number of Responses	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
JOINT POLL WITH THE DEKALB COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION										
Vacancies										
Doherty Vacancy										
Philip G. Montgomery	60	R	96.67	98.33	94.92	100	96.49	98.33	100	100
Matekaitis Vacancy										
Joseph C. Pedersen	64	R	91.94	96.83	90.48	88.71	96.83	96.83	100	96.67
Stuckert Vacancy										
Marcy L. Buick	72	R	77.94	97.10	96.30	76.39	83.10	88.89	94.20	87.32
Retention										
Stephen Krentz	41	R	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Robert P. Pilmer	43	R	95.24	100	90.46	97.67	97.62	100	100	92.86
Bradley J. Waller	67	R	96.97	100	95.52	98.48	98.51	98.48	96.83	96.88

NR Not Recommended

How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

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.

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.

Following are the questions asked on the poll. Questions on Temperament and Court management differ for those seeking a judicial vacancy and those seeking retention. Clarification of those differences are noted below.

<u>RESPONDENT'S KNOWLEDGE</u> – Do you have sufficient knowledge as to the qualifications of this candidate for this judicial office to give a fair, informed opinion as to those qualifications?

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

Meet Requirements of Office:

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

<u>Integrity</u>

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

Impartiality

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

Legal Ability

Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

Temperament

for a judicial vacancy:

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

for judicial retention:

Exercise the judicial temperament to serve with appropriate courtesy,

consideration, firmness, fairness, patience and dignity?

Court Management

for a judicial vacancy:

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

for judicial retention:

Diligently and promptly attend to the duties of the office and assure the steady progress of court business?

<u>Health</u>

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

Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias

Conduct self and deal with others appropriately to reduce or eliminate conduct or words which manifest bias based on race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or socio-economic status against parties, witnesses, counsel or others?

County Conversion Chart

<u>County</u> Adams	District 4	Circuit 8	<u>County</u> Lee	<u>District</u> 4	<u>Circuit</u> 15
Alexander	5	1	Livingston	4	11
Bond	5	3	Logan	4	11
Boone	4	17	McDonough	4	9
Brown	4	8	McHenry	2	22
Bureau	3	13	McLean	4	11
Calhoun	4	8	Macon	5	6
Carroll	4	15	Macoupin	4	7
Cass	4	8	Madison	5	3
Champaign	5	6	Marion	5	4
Christian	5	4	Marshall	4	10
Clark	5	5	Mason	4	8
Clay	5	4	Massac	5	1
Clinton	5	4	Menard	4	8
Coles	5	5	Mercer	4	14
Cook	1	CO	Monroe	5	20/24
Crawford	5	2	Montgomery	5	4
Cumberland	5	5	Morgan	4	7
DeKalb	2	23	Moultrie	5	6
DeWitt	5	6	Ogle	4	15
Douglas	5	6	Peoria	4	10
DuPage	3	18	Perry	5	20/24
Edgar	5	5	Piatt	5	6
Edwards	5	2	Pike	4	8
Effingham	5	4	Pope	5	1
Fayette	5	4	Pulaski	5	1
Ford	4	11	Putnam	4	10
Franklin	5	2	Randolph	5	20/24
Fulton	4	9	Richland	5	2
Gallatin	5	2	Rock Island	4	14
Greene	4	7	St. Clair	5	20/24
Grundy	3	13	Saline	5	1
Hamilton	5	2	Sangamon	4	7
Hancock	4	9	Schuyler	4	8
Hardin	5	2	Scott	4	7
Henderson	4	9	Shelby	5	4
Henry	4	14	Stark	4	10
Iroquois	3	21	Stephenson	4	15
Jackson	5	1	Tazewell	4	10
Jasper	5	4	Union	5	1
Jefferson	5	2	Vermilion	5	5
Jersey	4	7	Wabash	5	2
JoDaviess	4	15	Warren	4	9
Johnson	5	1	Washington	5	20/24
Kane	2	16	Wayne	5	2
Kankakee	3	21	White	5	2
Kendall	2	23	Whiteside	4	14
Knox	4	9	Will	3	12
Lake	2	19	Williamson	5	1
LaSalle	3	13	Winnebago	4	17
Lawrence	5	2	Woodford	4	11