

**ILLINOIS STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS – COOK COUNTY

**2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

**Candidates Seeking to Fill Judicial Vacancies**

Illinois Appellate Court – First District Vacancy of the Hon. Shelvin Louise Marie Hall <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Debra B. Walker</b>	<b>Highly Qualified</b>
Illinois Appellate Court – First District Vacancy of the Hon. Sheldon A. Harris <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Raymond W. Mitchell</b>	<b>Highly Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Margaret A. Brennan <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Lisa Michelle Taylor</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. John P. Callahan, Jr. <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Tracie Porter</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Diane Gordon Cannon <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Diana López</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Michael B. Hyman <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Thomas E. Nowinski</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Cheyrl Ingram <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Elizabeth “Beth” Ryan</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Pamela M. Leeming <small>(all ballots)</small>	
<b>Rena Marie Van Tine</b>	<b>Highly Qualified</b>

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Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Daniel Lynch (all ballots)	
<b>Michael Weaver</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Kathleen M. McGury (all ballots)	
<b>Ruth Isabel Gudino</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Joan M. O’Brien (all ballots)	
<b>Araceli R. De La Cruz</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – Countywide vacancy of the Hon. Sharon M. Sullivan (all ballots)	
<b>Thomas More Donnelly</b>	<b>Highly Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 1 <sup>st</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Sharon O. Johnson	
<b>Maria M. Barlow</b>	<b>Not Recommended</b>
Circuit Court – 4 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. James Gavin	
<b>Nick Kantas</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 4 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Patrick T. Rogers	
<b>ShawnTe Raines-Welch</b>	<b>Not Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 5 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Jackie Portman-Brown	
<b>David L. Kelly</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 5 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Diane Shelley	
<b>Timothy W. Wright III</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 6 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mauricio Araujo	
<b>Charles “Charlie” Beach</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 6 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Raul Vega	
<b>Kerrie Maloney Laytin</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 7 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patricia Martin	
<b>Marcia O’Brien Conway</b>	<b>Qualified</b>

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Circuit Court – 8 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Robert E. Gordon		
<b>Bradley R. Trowbridge</b>		<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 8 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Thomas J. Lipscomb		
<b>Stephen Swedlow</b>		<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 9 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein		
<b>Sanjay Tailor</b>		<b>Highly Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 9 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Moshe Jacobius		
<b>Barry Goldberg</b>		<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 11 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Dennis M. McGuire		
<b>Aileen Bhandari</b>		<b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 13 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Susanne M. Groebner		
<b>Joe Gump</b>		<i>D</i> <b>Qualified</b>
<b>Gary William Seyring</b>		<i>R</i> <b>Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 14 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. James R. Brown		
<b>Iris Y. Chavira</b>		<b>Not Recommended</b>
Circuit Court – 14 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Raymond L. Jagielski		
<b>Viviana Martinez</b>		<b>Not Qualified</b>
Circuit Court – 15 <sup>th</sup> Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Christopher Lawler		
<b>Bernadette Barrett</b>		<b>Qualified</b>

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**RETENTION ELECTION**

**Shall each of the persons listed be retained in office as justice?**

<b>Illinois Supreme Court – 1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	
Mary Jane Theis	Yes
<b>Illinois Appellate Court – 1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	
James Fitzgerald Smith	Yes
Terrence J. Lavin	Yes
Maureen E. Connors	Yes
Mathias William Delort	Yes
Nathaniel Roosevelt Howse, Jr.	Yes
Jesse G. Reyes	Yes

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**Shall each of the persons listed be retained in office as judge?**

<b>Cook County Circuit Court</b>			
Sophia H. Hall	Yes	Timothy C. Evans	Yes
Charles Patrick Burns	Yes	John Patrick Kirby	Yes
LeRoy K. Martin, Jr.	Yes	Robert “Bob” Balanoff	Yes
Kathleen Marie Burke	Yes	Thomas J. Kelley	Yes
Clare Elizabeth McWilliams	Yes	Mary Lane Mikva	Yes
Patrick T. Murphy	Yes	Jim Ryan	Yes
Thaddeus L. Wilson	Yes	Daniel James Pierce	No Rating
William H. Hooks	No	Thomas V. Lyons	Yes
Daniel Malone	Yes	Geary W. Kull	Yes
Steven James Bernstein	Yes	Bonita Coleman	Yes
Ann Finley Collins	No	Daniel J. Gallagher	Yes
Linzey D. Jones	Yes	Susan Kennedy Sullivan	Yes
Terry MacCarthy	Yes	Sandra Gisela Ramos	Yes
Daniel Patrick Duffy	Yes	Anna Maria Loftus	Yes
Aleksandra “Alex” Gillespie	Yes	Eve Marie Reilly	Yes
Freddrenna M. Lyle	Yes	Jerry A. Esrig	Yes
Alison C. Conlon	Yes	Rossana P. Fernandez	No
William B. Sullivan	Yes	John Fitzgerald Lyke, Jr.	Yes
Carrie E. Hamilton	Yes	Patricia “Pat” Spratt	Yes
James L. Allegretti	Yes	Eulalia “Evie De La Rosa	Yes
Carolyn J. Gallagher	Yes	Maureen O’Donoghue Hannon	Yes
D. Renee Jackson	Yes	Daryl Jones	Yes
Steven A. Kozicki	Yes	Matthew Link	Yes
Mary Kathleen McHugh	Yes	Leonard Murray	Yes
Brendan A. O’Brien	Yes	Kevin M. O’Donnell	Yes
Susana L. Ortiz	Yes	Jesse Outlaw	Yes
Patrick Joseph Powers	Yes	Marguerite Ann Quinn	Yes
Catherine Ann Schneider	Yes		

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