

JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Associate Judge Candidates Rated

Candidates for an associate judge vacancy in the 15th Judicial Circuit have been rated in an advisory poll of lawyers conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). Results of this poll were provided to Chief Judge Ronald M. Jacobson. Pursuant to Rule 6.02 of the *Judicial Advisory Poll Manual*, the results are also being released to the public.

Ballots were sent to all ISBA members who practice or reside in the 15th Judicial Circuit. Licensed attorneys who are not members of the ISBA or are outside the circuit could request a ballot. Opinions expressed in the poll are of those attorneys who chose to respond and do not reflect the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association or the opinion of all Illinois Attorneys.

Fifteenth Judicial Circuit <i>Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson counties</i>	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
<i>Associate Judge Vacancy (Resident, Stephenson County)</i>								
Maria N. Berger	86.67	86.67	46.67	83.33	56.67	75.00	93.33	46.67
Brandi L. Chudoba	<i>Insufficient number of responses</i>							
Clayton L. Lindsey	94.20	91.30	94.20	91.18	95.59	98.53	97.10	84.62
Ruth E. Robinson	97.92	95.83	93.75	91.49	95.83	95.83	95.83	89.36
Michael C. Rock	87.04	71.70	73.58	77.36	87.04	96.23	84.91	65.38
Michael T. Suits	95.92	94.00	83.67	92.00	91.84	91.84	95.92	87.76
Ann E. Switzer	86.21	84.75	64.41	79.66	75.44	87.93	91.53	60.34

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How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

This poll of lawyers is conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). The advisory poll is conducted by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit from which a candidate seeks appointment. Licensed attorneys who are not members of ISBA, or any attorney outside the circuit may request a ballot. Attorneys are asked to respond only if they have sufficient knowledge about the candidate's qualifications for judicial office to give a fair, informed opinion.

The following questions are asked.

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

Integrity

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

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

Court Management

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

Health

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?

Meets Requirements of Office:

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

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