

JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Associate Judge Candidates Rated

Candidates for an associate judge vacancy in the 17th Judicial Circuit have been rated in an advisory poll of lawyers conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) in cooperation with the Winnebago County (WCBA) and Boone County (BCBA) bar associations. Ballots were sent to all ISBA members who practice or reside in the 17th Judicial Circuit as well as members of the WCBA and BCBA. Licensed Illinois attorneys who are not members of the ISBA, WCBA or BCBA or are outside the circuit could request a ballot. The results of this poll are being released to the public at the request of Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty. 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.

<u>Seventeenth</u> Judicial Circuit <i>Boone and Winnebago counties</i>	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
<i>Associate Judge Vacancy</i>								
Steven J. Biagi	68.57	42.86	40.00	48.57	40.00	55.88	65.71	20.00
Jody L. Booher	94.59	90.41	74.32	91.89	82.43	97.22	94.52	72.60
F. James Brun	70.97	59.68	46.77	82.26	50.00	94.92	82.26	38.10
Richard M. Butera	82.72	80.00	71.60	64.20	76.54	91.14	81.48	63.41
Mark A. Byrd	88.24	83.82	77.94	88.24	77.94	76.47	86.57	69.57
Jennifer J. Clifford	81.25	72.34	70.83	70.83	76.60	86.96	78.26	66.67
John T. Gibbons	95.24	83.33	83.33	90.24	82.50	97.50	90.24	73.81
Erin C. Hannigan	85.37	77.50	63.41	85.37	82.50	100.00	92.68	63.41
Erik K. Jacobs	88.00	85.71	76.24	81.00	68.00	90.91	87.88	65.69
Jocelyn Koch	80.77	74.51	50.00	54.72	75.51	84.91	84.62	39.62
Joseph B. Kosek	96.47	91.67	75.29	90.36	75.00	91.57	90.48	70.24

Maureen M. Lawson	87.76	86.27	58.82	86.27	78.00	98.00	84.31	57.14
Matthew R. Leisten	*							
Daniel J. McGrail	94.94	88.61	88.61	87.50	75.95	96.20	91.03	71.60
Frank S. Perri	95.35	90.91	68.18	85.71	67.44	97.67	93.02	58.14
Michelle R. Rock	72.46	63.77	46.38	53.62	66.18	86.96	72.86	35.29
Thomas P. Sandquist	94.92	89.83	94.83	88.14	89.83	96.61	88.14	89.66
Andrew T. Smith	75.36	55.88	53.62	47.83	75.00	92.75	68.18	38.57
Ryan A. Swift	89.19	83.78	72.97	86.49	83.78	97.30	89.19	68.57
Paul R. Vella	86.67	83.87	66.13	72.58	81.97	96.77	77.05	65.57
Tamika R. Walker	93.24	82.43	77.03	83.78	86.49	93.24	91.89	75.00
Jeffrey J. Zucchi	71.11	66.67	69.57	56.52	73.91	93.48	65.22	48.89

* Insufficient number of responses.

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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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