

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 (WCBA) and Boone (BCBA) county 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.

It is the policy of the Committee on Judicial Advisory Polls to conduct one poll on a candidate for the same judicial office during the same year. Because some applicants for this vacancy were polled in October 2018, their names did not appear on the current ballot. The scores listed for those applicants are from the October poll. The time the poll was conducted appears after each name.

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit <i>Boone and Winnebago counties</i>	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
<i>Associate Judge Vacancy</i>									
Jody L. Booher <i>(October 2018)</i>	74	94.59	90.41	74.32	91.89	82.43	97.22	94.52	72.60
Richard M. Butera <i>(October 2018)</i>	83	82.72	80.00	71.60	64.20	76.54	91.14	81.48	63.41
Anna T. Dempsey <i>(Current)</i>	132	88.28	79.23	78.79	82.44	83.72	92.97	91.60	72.73
John T. Gibbons <i>(October 2018)</i>	42	95.24	83.33	83.33	90.24	82.50	97.50	90.24	73.81
David M. Gill <i>(Current)</i>	112	90.00	84.55	70.54	85.59	85.45	95.41	85.45	69.37
Erin C. Hannigan <i>(October 2018)</i>	41	85.37	77.50	63.41	85.37	82.50	100.00	92.68	63.41
Erik K. Jacobs <i>(October 2018)</i>	102	88.00	85.71	76.24	81.00	68.00	90.91	87.88	65.69

<i>(Cont.)</i> Seventeenth Judicial Circuit	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
Joseph B. Kosek <i>(October 2018)</i>	87	96.47	91.67	75.29	90.36	75.00	91.57	90.48	70.24
Daniel J. McGrail <i>(October 2018)</i>	81	94.94	88.61	88.61	87.50	75.95	96.20	91.03	71.60
Frank S. Perri <i>(October 2018)</i>	44	95.35	90.91	68.18	85.71	67.44	97.67	93.02	58.14
Todd Ramlow <i>(Current)</i>	48	84.78	76.09	65.96	72.34	80.85	93.62	78.26	56.52
Thomas P. Sandquist <i>(October 2018)</i>	60	94.92	89.83	94.83	88.14	89.83	96.61	88.14	89.66
Derrick J. Schmidt <i>(Current)</i>	35	85.71	82.86	45.71	79.41	54.29	91.43	94.29	42.86
Andrew T. Smith <i>(October 2018)</i>	71	75.36	55.88	53.62	47.83	75.00	92.75	68.18	38.57
Ryan A. Swift <i>(October 2018)</i>	38	89.19	83.78	72.97	86.49	83.78	97.30	89.19	68.57
Paul R. Vella <i>(October 2018)</i>	62	86.67	83.87	66.13	72.58	81.97	96.77	77.05	65.57
Tamika R. Walker <i>(October 2018)</i>	75	93.24	82.43	77.03	83.78	86.49	93.24	91.89	75.00
Timothy K. Whitham <i>(Current)</i>	89	95.40	95.40	68.97	90.80	84.71	97.67	94.19	69.32
Jeffrey J. Zucchi <i>(October 2018)</i>	46	71.11	66.67	69.57	56.52	73.91	93.48	65.22	48.89

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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?

Health

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

Impartiality

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

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?

Legal Ability

Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

Meets Requirements of Office:

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

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 complete work in a prompt and skillful manner?

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