

**JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL**  
**Seventeenth Judicial Circuit**  
**Associate Judge Candidates Rated**

Candidates for an associate judge vacancy in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 John S. Lowry. *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>	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
Andrew J. Fisk	87	93.75	89.87	68.67	84.15	65.79	87.14	92.96	58.97
Alesandra R. Friend Laird	37	71.43	52.78	55.56	50.00	73.53	86.21	67.65	45.95
David M. Gill	146	85.31	83.92	81.69	88.19	89.78	95.24	88.06	79.58
Roger H. Gustafson	39	86.84	79.41	76.92	76.92	80.56	85.29	85.71	69.23
Erin C. Hannigan	82	91.36	85.19	87.18	83.75	88.73	93.42	93.67	83.54
Erik K. Jacobs	129	87.80	87.30	78.40	85.48	80.00	93.16	88.24	73.39
Steven J. Kodie	*								

*\*Insufficient number of respondents for results to be valid.*

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Joseph B. Kosek	131	96.12	95.31	82.68	94.53	87.60	93.81	94.21	84.80
Scott R. Paccagnini*	62	96.61	96.61	98.31	96.49	98.25	98.21	98.21	96.55
Amy K. Peterman	44	93.18	93.02	75.00	88.10	88.10	85.00	95.45	79.07
Derrick J. Schmidt	56	90.91	87.27	63.64	79.25	62.75	91.67	92.73	57.69
Andrew T. Smith	110	72.64	68.27	66.67	61.32	75.76	90.43	71.00	53.33
Paul R. Vella	111	66.67	70.75	79.63	66.98	79.61	91.67	67.31	57.41
Glen R. Weber	128	49.17	43.70	72.80	41.88	65.45	78.64	56.88	35.71
Daniel T. Wilkins	74	84.72	87.32	66.67	90.28	69.57	92.65	91.67	68.06
Jeffrey J. Zucchi	70	71.21	69.23	78.26	62.69	80.00	94.92	73.02	57.58

\* The ISBA conducts one poll per candidate for the same judicial office during the same year. As a result, the score shown for Scott Paccagnini is from May 2022.

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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 electronically and by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit from which a candidate seeks appointment. Illinois 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 complete 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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