

**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 attorneys who are not members of the ISBA, WCBA or BCBA or are outside the circuit could request a ballot. Results of this poll were provided to Chief Judge Joseph G. McGraw. Pursuant to Rule 6.02 of the *Judicial Advisory Poll Manual*, the results are also being released to the public. 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 November 2016, their names did not appear on the current ballot. The scores listed for those applicants are from the November poll. The time the poll was conducted appears after each name.

<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>								
Lawrence M. Bauer <i>(Current)</i>	92.54	80.60	76.12	85.07	81.54	86.15	86.57	73.13
Steven J. Biagi <i>(Current)</i>	74.42	48.84	32.56	26.19	27.91	50.00	62.79	20.93
F. James Brun <i>(Current)</i>	75.68	70.27	43.24	68.92	56.76	87.67	77.03	46.58
Richard M. Butera <i>(November 2016)</i>	89.00	74.00	73.74	66.67	80.21	95.83	83.33	60.00
Jennifer J. Clifford <i>(Current)</i>	83.61	66.10	74.58	68.33	80.00	86.21	83.33	60.66

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(CON'T) Seventeenth Judicial Circuit	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
Ann T. Dempsey <i>(November 2016)</i>	93.75	88.54	83.33	88.42	91.40	95.74	94.68	77.08
Janet D. Fuenty <i>(Current)</i>	84.38	80.95	66.67	76.27	76.19	86.89	84.13	59.02
John T. Gibbons <i>(Current)</i>	89.33	78.67	78.38	83.56	82.43	87.67	83.56	76.00
David M. Gill <i>(Current)</i>	88.57	86.79	72.82	87.50	78.64	91.54	88.46	73.79
Natalie M. Hammer <i>(current)</i>	*							
Erin C. Hannigan <i>(November 2016)</i>	84.44	76.74	61.36	72.73	76.74	95.35	93.18	60.47
Erick K. Jacobs <i>(Current)</i>	83.33	81.48	74.77	84.40	72.90	91.59	85.98	70.37
Sasha S. Jonic <i>(Current)</i>	92.31	84.62	66.15	86.15	78.46	90.63	87.69	64.62
Mark T. Karner <i>(Current)</i>	51.25	34.15	59.76	34.15	58.54	67.90	45.68	27.71
Joseph B. Kosek <i>(Current)</i>	93.52	90.74	75.93	92.59	80.37	91.51	91.67	78.50
Maureen M. Lawson <i>(Current)</i>	84.48	74.58	55.17	72.88	74.14	87.50	84.21	57.89
Daniel J. McGrail <i>(Current)</i>	90.29	86.41	83.33	83.50	77.45	92.16	89.42	76.00
Lisa R. Munch <i>(November 2016)</i>	88.06	85.07	77.94	91.04	89.55	97.01	89.55	72.46
Frank S. Perri <i>(Current)</i>	80.00	66.00	50.98	58.00	48.00	83.33	71.43	46.00
Michelle R. Rock <i>(Current)</i>	71.29	55.88	41.18	57.00	70.59	85.86	77.00	39.60
Debra D. Schafer <i>(Current)</i>	89.34	86.89	90.98	90.91	92.62	94.12	91.74	86.55
Derrick J. Schmidt <i>(current)</i>	84.21	73.68	44.74	68.42	55.26	83.33	81.08	42.11
Ryan A. Swift <i>(Current)</i>	72.92	70.83	54.17	77.08	75.00	85.11	82.98	53.19
Paul R. Vella <i>(Current)</i>	72.73	72.73	61.80	72.09	69.66	90.70	72.41	57.47
Tamika R. Walker <i>(Current)</i>	88.35	77.88	70.19	82.69	82.69	89.32	86.54	69.61
Timothy K. Whitham <i>(Current)</i>	93.26	88.76	74.16	88.76	87.50	93.18	90.91	76.14
Jeffrey J. Zucchi <i>(November 2016)</i>	84.72	77.78	76.71	72.22	84.51	93.06	81.94	63.89

\*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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