

# Illinois State Bar Association

Committee on Judicial Evaluations and Committee on Judicial Advisory Polls

## ISBA Judicial Evaluations and Polls Outside Cook County

All candidates for Illinois judicial offices in the February 2 primary election have been rated by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) evaluation committees, or in a poll conducted by ISBA.

To find which circuit or district you vote in, look for your county in the chart that follows, then scroll down for ratings and poll results.

Note that ratings based on evaluations are the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association. Polls reflect the opinion of those lawyers who chose to respond, and are not the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association.

**COUNTY NAME**                      **DISTR.** **CIRCUIT**

Adams	4	8
Alexander	5	1
Bond	5	3
Boone	2	17
Brown	4	8
Bureau	3	13
Calhoun	4	8
Carroll	2	15
Cass	4	8
Champaign	4	6
Christian	5	4
Clark	4	5
Clay	5	4
Clinton	5	4
Coles	4	5
Cook	1	CO
Crawford	5	2
Cumberland	4	5
DeKalb	2	16
DeWitt	4	6
Douglas	4	6
DuPage	2	18
Edgar	4	5
Edwards	5	2
Effingham	5	4
Fayette	5	4
Ford	4	11
Franklin	5	2
Fulton	3	9
Gallatin	5	2
Greene	4	7
Grundy	3	13
Hamilton	5	2
Hancock	3	9
Hardin	5	2
Henderson	3	9
Henry	3	14
Iroquois	3	21
Jackson	5	1
Jasper	5	4
Jefferson	5	2
Jersey	4	7
JoDaviess	2	15
Johnson	5	1
Kane	2	16
Kankakee	3	21
Kendall	2	16
Knox	3	9
Lake	2	19
LaSalle	3	13
Lawrence	5	2

**CO.#**    **COUNTY NAME**    **DISTR.** **CIRCUIT**

Lee	2	15
Livingston	4	11
Logan	4	11
McDonough	3	9
McHenry	2	22
McLean	4	11
Macon	4	6
Macoupin	4	7
Madison	5	3
Marion	5	4
Marshall	3	10
Mason	4	8
Massac	5	1
Menard	4	8
Mercer	3	14
Monroe	5	20
Montgomery	5	4
Morgan	4	7
Moultrie	4	6
Ogle	2	15
Peoria	3	10
Perry	5	20
Piatt	4	6
Pike	4	8
Pope	5	1
Pulaski	5	1
Putnam	3	10
Randolph	5	20
Richland	5	2
Rock Island	3	14
St. Clair	5	20
Saline	5	1
Sangamon	4	7
Schuyler	4	8
Scott	4	7
Shelby	5	4
Stark	3	10
Stephenson	2	15
Tazewell	3	10
Union	5	1
Vermilion	4	5
Wabash	5	2
Warren	3	9
Washington	5	20
Wayne	5	2
White	5	2
Whiteside	3	14
Will	3	12
Williamson	5	1
Winnebago	2	17
Woodford	4	11

## **CANDIDATES FOR APPELLATE COURT EVALUATED BY ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

(January 2010) Candidates seeking to fill vacancies on the Illinois Appellate Court in districts outside Cook County in the February 2 primary election have been evaluated by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

The 46-member ISBA Judicial Evaluations Committee rates candidates based on a comprehensive review of each candidate's background and qualifications. The process includes a detailed questionnaire submitted by candidates providing professional and personal information. Committee investigators use the questionnaire to check the background and references of each candidate. Committee members then interview candidates individually before recommending a rating to the full committee.

Possible ratings are "Qualified," "Highly Qualified," or "Not Qualified." Candidates who do not participate in the evaluation process automatically receive a "Not Qualified" rating.

The Committee is issuing the following ratings:

### **2<sup>nd</sup> District vacancies**

**Ann B. Jorgensen - Highly Qualified**

**Kenneth Moy – Not Qualified**

**Donna K. Kelly – Not Qualified**

**Mary S. Shostok – Highly Qualified**

### **4<sup>th</sup> District vacancy**

**Thomas R. Appleton – Highly Qualified**

The ratings of the Judicial Evaluations Committee represent the official opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association.

"Voters wishing to become informed about the candidates can rely on these ratings as a nonpolitical peer review of their qualifications," says Paul Bown of Springfield, chair of the Judicial Evaluations Committee. "Our Committee members come from around the state and devote many hours to arrive at ratings to assist voters in choosing candidates for these important judicial offices."

Evaluation criteria include whether a candidate has the necessary legal knowledge and ability, integrity, impartiality, and health to perform the job.

## ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLLS

**Note:** Opinions expressed are of those lawyers who chose to respond and not of the Illinois State Bar Association. Percentage is based on "yes" responses to each question; "no opinion" responses are not included. R=Recommended, NR=Not Recommended.

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b>2nd District, Appellate</b> Ballots mailed - 4924 Ballots returned - 1065									
Ann B. Jorgensen	R	97.34	98.28	96.37	97.71	97.52	99.23	99.61	97.88
Donna K. Kelly	**								
Kenneth Moy	NR	16.76	46.72	35.81	22.46	42.31	31.40	62.50	53.54
Mary S. Schostok	R	93.92	96.45	93.41	93.41	94.52	97.25	98.90	96.96
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District, Appellate</b> Ballots mailed - 2078 Ballots returned - 687									
Thomas R. Appleton	R	88.17	93.18	87.61	93.49	89.61	94.93	97.01	92.22

	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b>Third Judicial Circuit</b> Ballots mailed - 526 Ballots returned - 204									
William A. Mudge	R	81.66	84.02	82.14	91.12	90.48	85.98	96.99	89.16
<b>Fourth Judicial Circuit</b> Ballots mailed - 193 Ballots returned - 117									
Michelle Coady	NR	50.98	78.00	79.59	39.22	70.59	72.00	94.00	83.67
Stewart Freeman	R	68.18	79.07	69.77	75.00	63.64	77.27	88.64	81.40
Stephen Friedel	NR	50.00	65.31	50.98	80.00	56.00	73.47	87.76	69.39
Douglas L. Jarman	R	87.50	96.49	96.49	77.19	96.43	89.47	98.21	96.43

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<b>Fourth Judicial Circuit Continued</b>	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Keith Kessler	NR	62.50	82.05	79.49	57.89	79.49	74.36	92.31	82.05
Mike McHaney	R	94.19	94.32	94.32	93.10	90.70	93.10	89.53	92.05
Dennis Middendorff	R	91.36	96.39	90.36	97.53	76.54	92.68	98.77	92.59
Mike E. Reed	R	67.35	85.71	77.08	71.43	82.98	77.55	93.62	82.98
Mark W. Stedlin	R	86.05	93.33	91.11	90.91	93.18	86.05	93.18	97.67
Eddie Veltman	R	66.67	73.13	76.12	88.06	74.63	74.63	80.60	85.07
Matthew Scott Wilzbach	NR	64.29	82.93	75.61	60.00	85.00	77.50	95.12	85.00
<b>Fifth Judicial Circuit</b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>203</b>									
Ballots returned - <b>132</b>									
Brian Bower	R	80.82	94.52	84.72	88.73	78.87	73.61	100.00	95.89
Eric James Neumann	NR	18.92	77.14	43.24	21.62	37.84	51.35	85.71	62.16
Matt Sullivan	R	84.85	96.92	90.91	83.08	92.42	90.91	100.00	92.31
Frank R. Young	NR	63.89	70.83	66.67	83.33	80.28	63.89	98.59	81.69
<b>Sixth Judicial Circuit</b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>616</b>									
Ballots returned - <b>177</b>									
Garry W. Bryan	R	94.83	96.61	94.92	93.22	96.61	94.92	98.31	96.61
Lisa Holder White	R	91.14	98.73	91.14	91.14	94.94	96.20	100.00	97.47
<b>Seventh Judicial Circuit</b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>669</b>									
Ballots returned - <b>232</b>									
Pete Cavanagh	R	94.44	97.77	96.65	91.62	97.21	97.75	99.44	97.21
<b>Eighth Judicial Circuit</b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>148</b>									
Ballots returned - <b>79</b>									
Robert Adrian	NR	48.94	86.96	76.09	40.43	74.47	61.70	100.00	82.61
Talmadge G. Brenner	NR	58.70	83.33	88.89	57.45	75.56	84.78	97.83	89.13
Edward K. Downey	R	77.78	94.59	91.67	75.68	91.43	81.08	91.89	94.44
Christopher G. Scholz	NR	58.70	89.58	79.17	56.25	83.33	75.00	95.74	89.36
Alan Tucker	R	89.66	89.66	82.76	96.55	96.55	89.66	96.55	86.21

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	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
<b><u>Ninth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>164</b> Ballots returned - <b>102</b>									
Steven R. Bordner	R	87.36	93.10	83.72	93.10	78.16	94.25	95.35	87.21
James H. Harrell	NR	40.82	81.63	68.75	41.67	72.92	57.14	95.83	87.76
William E. Poncin	R	81.48	92.59	85.19	85.19	86.79	88.89	96.30	85.19
Patricia A. Walton	NR	62.03	83.13	56.63	63.75	65.85	79.27	91.46	78.05
Pamela S. Frakes Wilcox	NR	58.73	82.54	75.81	60.32	80.65	87.30	92.06	77.42
<b><u>Tenth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>596</b> Ballots returned - <b>264</b>									
Verne E. Dentino	NR	15.27	58.27	61.11	17.56	42.64	25.20	66.39	78.40
Kate Gorman	R	91.40	96.86	94.59	87.89	96.85	94.98	99.09	95.91
Michael D. Risinger	NR	44.44	80.19	73.33	48.11	76.19	68.27	93.07	74.04
Christopher J. Spanos	R	80.80	93.65	86.18	87.30	90.24	81.15	91.80	94.35
Bruce E. Thiemann	R	74.85	88.37	86.31	85.47	82.25	86.31	95.81	88.55
Valerie Moehle Umholtz	R	68.42	86.27	78.15	73.86	72.48	81.88	94.59	84.77
John P. Vespa	NR	55.33	79.87	66.67	52.00	63.76	68.03	90.21	78.38
<b><u>Twelfth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>1454</b> Ballots returned - <b>510</b>									
<b>Joint Poll with Will County Bar Association and Black Bar Association of Will County</b>									
John Anderson	R	68.46	74.50	69.54	71.33	75.33	80.54	91.33	82.43
Brian Barrett	R	89.60	95.32	91.91	87.86	95.35	92.44	97.67	95.38
Judy DeVriendt	NR	30.77	47.44	40.95	51.48	30.64	58.67	87.77	56.96
Carmen Goodman	NR	41.58	76.84	66.32	40.63	63.16	49.21	90.48	71.43
Wayne M. Kwiat, Sr.	R	74.68	87.04	85.19	73.13	94.41	83.77	96.84	90.51
Robert P. Livas	NR	47.62	59.45	53.00	75.34	35.98	68.87	73.85	56.42
Katherine L. Maloney	NR	58.09	75.00	70.07	67.63	67.88	74.63	91.11	78.68
Gary S. Mueller	NR	59.54	76.88	73.99	66.86	82.76	78.57	95.95	87.28
Ray Nash	R	96.86	98.85	96.92	96.56	98.08	92.72	99.24	97.70
Barbara N. "Bobbi" Petrunaro	R	97.39	98.08	97.46	97.78	99.04	97.45	99.68	98.72
Michael J. Powers	R	94.92	97.64	96.35	97.00	92.98	96.97	98.99	96.30
Raymond E. "Ray" Rossi	R	70.97	80.00	78.13	72.63	80.85	81.52	89.47	81.25
Art Smigielski	R	80.85	90.32	89.25	81.52	92.47	84.78	95.74	91.40

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<b>Twelfth Judicial Circuit</b> Continued									
Phillip Spiwak	**								
Keith S. Van Duyne	NR	11.11	47.62	41.94	12.70	47.62	24.19	77.42	55.93
Chris Ward	R	77.36	89.52	88.57	81.90	89.52	89.42	97.17	90.48
<b>Thirteenth Judicial Circuit</b> Ballots mailed - 401 Ballots returned - 241									
Richard Black	NR	46.85	70.75	65.38	50.93	66.04	61.76	78.43	74.26
Lance R. Peterson	R	94.21	94.74	94.71	92.59	94.65	94.18	97.33	94.68
<b>Fourteenth Judicial Circuit</b> Ballots mailed - 337 Ballots returned - 140									
Clarence "Mike" Darrow	R	84.38	92.78	89.69	84.21	90.72	90.53	95.79	90.63
Frank R. Fuhr	R	95.00	95.15	93.20	97.00	98.06	94.12	98.00	96.08
Marita Quinn Griffith	NR	37.21	80.00	55.56	28.89	64.44	66.67	75.00	77.27
Trish Joyce	NR	61.40	81.03	74.14	82.76	79.31	87.93	98.25	79.31
<b>Sixteenth Judicial Circuit</b> Ballots mailed - 1439 Ballots returned - 417									
<b>Joint Poll with Kane County Bar Association</b>									
David R. Akermann	NR	58.25	75.37	64.32	71.64	73.63	63.64	83.42	75.25
Susan Clancy Boles	R	93.78	98.65	94.62	91.03	96.85	96.43	99.09	96.85
Kevin T. Busch	R	81.71	91.73	82.03	88.67	79.69	91.63	97.63	85.43
John G. Dalton	**								
Thomas L. Doherty	NR	63.38	86.11	84.29	61.64	83.33	78.26	91.18	88.57
Michael C. Funkey	R	77.20	87.56	85.64	82.99	81.87	83.24	93.92	87.10
T. Jordan Gallagher	R	93.63	94.63	93.20	96.59	96.08	90.10	94.44	97.52
Robert L. Janes	R	73.91	88.31	78.66	72.44	84.98	84.13	95.56	82.68
Theodore W. Lagerwall	**								
Richard D. Larson	NR	45.74	53.18	59.09	80.72	53.33	74.55	87.50	60.36

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<b><u>Sixteenth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Continued	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Meets Requirements Of Office	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity
Timothy J. McCann	R	94.47	96.35	93.06	93.58	94.91	97.20	99.53	93.49
Fred M. Morelli	NR	62.31	61.74	73.48	88.89	77.15	76.92	91.89	83.40
Robert P. "Bob" Pilmer	R	93.43	96.48	95.41	90.86	96.94	92.23	98.97	96.41
Michael W. Reidy	NR	50.00	73.33	56.00	60.81	68.00	74.32	92.00	74.32
Thomas Patrick Rice	R	73.00	83.17	81.44	91.18	74.26	84.21	86.87	87.00
Karen Simpson	R	65.99	85.83	75.41	66.94	68.16	66.80	92.21	83.13
D.J. Tegeler	NR	43.17	58.92	62.30	64.86	57.46	68.75	70.86	76.54
Leonard J. Wojtecki	NR	60.22	81.85	70.25	72.30	51.80	65.23	80.94	76.09
<b><u>Seventeenth Judicial Circuit</u></b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>703</b> Ballots returned - <b>210</b>									
<b>Joint Poll with Winnebago County Bar Association</b>									
David A. Englund	NR	27.56	77.78	60.32	57.26	37.10	51.20	67.52	57.02
James P. Hursh	R	76.97	86.18	82.00	80.67	78.15	80.00	94.48	83.78
Ronald A. Wait	NR	14.48	52.86	35.00	13.19	50.00	25.37	64.62	47.01
<b><u>Eighteenth Judicial Circuit</u></b>									
Ballots mailed - <b>3143</b> Ballots returned - <b>560</b>									
<b>Joint Poll with DuPage County Bar Association</b>									
Dorothy F. French	R	89.82	96.87	91.67	91.43	91.93	93.21	98.68	96.31
Daniel P. Guerin	R	89.27	94.44	87.22	91.62	93.89	94.44	100.00	93.85
Brian R. McKillip	R	94.21	98.19	95.77	97.58	89.16	96.96	99.39	97.87
Ron Sutter	R	93.50	97.20	93.23	96.02	94.80	96.80	97.59	95.97

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<b>Joint Poll with Lake County Bar Association</b>									
<b><u>Nineteenth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>1822</b> Ballots returned - <b>436</b>									
Edward C. Abderholden	NR	63.93	81.36	76.79	65.52	77.97	74.55	85.96	82.76
Peter John Curielli	**								
Dwayne Douglas	R	69.28	87.58	77.33	73.51	84.31	79.73	93.38	86.00
Wallace B. Dunn	R	88.38	93.33	89.12	93.31	90.87	92.80	94.87	94.09
Timothy M. Howe	**								
Christopher M. Kennedy	R	65.91	90.70	73.26	67.06	82.56	80.72	93.10	85.88
Mark L. Levitt	R	76.67	91.67	78.69	81.97	85.25	84.75	93.44	86.89
Jorge L. Ortiz	R	70.72	87.28	76.58	73.78	66.07	85.65	95.05	87.73
Michael J. Perillo	R	75.21	90.76	83.90	79.34	82.20	84.35	93.04	87.29
Jeremy Cowen Schwartz	R	89.01	94.44	91.11	90.00	91.11	93.26	95.56	92.22
Diane E. Winter	R	85.60	95.60	89.68	83.13	90.04	86.69	98.37	93.17
<b>Joint Poll with McHenry County Bar Association</b>									
<b><u>Twentieth Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>580</b> Ballots returned - <b>240</b>									
Richard A. Brown	R	94.92	98.33	97.48	94.96	97.48	96.64	100.00	97.48
Michael N. Cook	R	92.77	95.83	92.81	92.17	95.78	95.63	97.59	96.39
Robert B. Haida	R	91.61	96.15	90.26	93.59	94.19	94.70	98.72	94.84
<b><u>Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit</u></b> Ballots mailed - <b>461</b> Ballots returned - <b>143</b>									
Gordon E. Graham	R	84.17	94.12	86.67	93.28	82.35	94.78	97.44	92.37

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