



2022 – GENERAL ELECTION – 2022

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Ratings Key:

HQ	Highly Qualified		HR	Highly Recommended
WQ	Well Qualified		R	Recommended
Q	Qualified		NR	Not Recommended
NQ	Not Qualified		'	Not Evaluated Through No Fault of the Candidate
Candidates Who Do Not Participate in the Alliance’s Evaluation Process Are rated “NR”				

Retention Ratings Key:

Y	Yes		N	No
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Illinois Appellate Court – 1st District Hon. Shelvin Louise Marie Hall (all ballots)	
Debra B. Walker	Highly Recommended
Illinois Appellate Court – 1st District Hon. Sheldon A. Harris (all ballots)	
Raymond W. Mitchell	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Margaret A. Brennan (all ballots)	
Lisa Michelle Taylor	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. John P. Callahan, Jr. (all ballots)	
Tracie Porter	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Diane Gordon Cannon (all ballots)	
Diana López	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Michael B. Hyman (all ballots)	
Thomas E. Nowinski	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Cheyrl Ingram (all ballots)	
Elizabeth “Beth” Ryan	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Pamela M. Leeming (all ballots)	
Rena Marie Van Tine	Highly Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Daniel Lynch (all ballots)	
Michael Weaver	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide	

Hon. Kathleen M. McGury (all ballots)	
Ruth Isabel Gudino	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Joan M. O’Brien (all ballots)	
Araceli Reyes De La Cruz	Recommended
Circuit Court – Countywide Hon. Sharon M. Sullivan (all ballots)	
Thomas More Donnelly	Highly Recommended
Circuit Court – 1st Subcircuit Hon. Sharon O. Johnson	
Maria M. Barlow	Not Recommended
Circuit Court – 4th Subcircuit Hon. James Gavin	
Nick Kantas	Recommended
Circuit Court – 4th Subcircuit Hon. Patrick T. Rogers	
ShawnTe Raines-Welch	Recommended
Circuit Court – 5th Subcircuit Hon. Jackie Portman-Brown	
David L. Kelly	Recommended
Circuit Court – 5th Subcircuit Hon. Diane Shelley	
Timothy W. Wright III	Recommended
Circuit Court – 6th Subcircuit Hon. Mauricio Araujo	
Charles “Charlie” Beach	Recommended
Circuit Court – 6th Subcircuit Hon. Raul Vega	
Kerrie Maloney Laytin	Recommended

Circuit Court – 7th Subcircuit Hon. Patricia Martin	
Marcia O’Brien Conway	Recommended
Circuit Court – 8th Subcircuit Hon. Robert E. Gordon	
Bradley R. Trowbridge	Recommended
Circuit Court – 8th Subcircuit Hon. Thomas J. Lipscomb	
Stephen Swedlow	Recommended
Circuit Court – 9th Subcircuit Hon. Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein	
Sanjay Tailor	Recommended
Circuit Court – 9th Subcircuit Hon. Moshe Jacobius	
Barry Goldberg	Recommended
Circuit Court – 11th Subcircuit Hon. Dennis M. McGuire	
Aileen Bhandari	Recommended
Circuit Court – 13th Subcircuit Hon. Suzanne M. Groebner	
Joe Gump <i>D</i>	Recommended
Gary William Seyring <i>R</i>	Recommended
Circuit Court – 14th Subcircuit Hon. James R. Brown	
Iris Y. Chavira	Not Recommended
Circuit Court – 14th Subcircuit Hon. Raymond L. Jagielski	
Viviana Martinez	Recommended
Circuit Court – 15th Subcircuit Hon. Christopher Lawler	
Bernadette Barrett	Recommended

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Shall each of the persons listed be retained in office as a judge?

Illinois Supreme Court – 1st District	
Mary Jane Theis	Yes
Illinois Appellate Court – 1st District	
James Fitzgerald Smith	Yes
Terrence J. Lavin	Yes
Maureen E. Connors	Yes
Mathias William Delort	Yes
Nathaniel Roosevelt Howse, Jr.	Yes
Jesse G. Reyes	Yes
Cook County Circuit Court	
Sophia H. Hall	Yes
Timothy C. Evans	Yes
Charles Patrick Burns	Yes
John Patrick Kirby	Yes
LeRoy K. Martin, Jr.	Yes
Robert “Bob” Balanoff	Yes
Kathleen Marie Burke	Yes
Thomas J. Kelley	Yes
Clare Elizabeth McWilliams	Yes
Mary Lane Mikva	Yes
Patrick T. Murphy	Yes
Jim Ryan	Yes
Thaddeus L. Wilson	Yes
Daniel James Pierce	No
William H. Hooks	Yes
Thomas V. Lyons	Yes
Daniel Malone	Yes
Geary W. Kull	Yse
Cook County Circuit Court	
Steven James Bernstein	Yes
Bonita Coleman	Yes
Ann Finley Collins	No
Daniel J. Gallagher	Yes
Linzey D. Jones	Yes
Susan Kennedy Sullivan	Yes
Terry MacCarthy	Yes
Sandra Gisela Ramos	Yes
Daniel Patrick Duffy	Yes
Anna Maria Loftus	Yes

Aleksandra “Alex” Gillespie	Yes
Eve Marie Reilly	Yes
Freddrenna M. Lyle	Yes
Jerry A. Esrig	Yes
Alison C. Conlon	Yes
Rossana P. Fernandez	Yes
William B. Sullivan	Yes
John Fitzgerald Lyke, Jr.	Yes
Carrie E. Hamilton	Yes
Patricia “Pat” Spratt	Yes
James L. Allegretti	Yes
Eulalia “Evie” De La Rosa	Yes
Carolyn J. Gallagher	Yes
Maureen O’Donoghue Hannon	Yes
D. Renee Jackson	Yes
Daryl Jones	Yes
Steven A. Kozicki	Yes
Matthew Link	Yes
Mary Kathleen McHugh	Yes
Leonard Murray	Yes
Brendan A. O’Brien	Yes
Kevin M. O’Donnell	Yes
Susana L. Ortiz	Yes
Jesse Outlaw	Yes
Patrick Joseph Powers	Yes
Marguerite Ann Quinn	Yes
Catherine Ann Schneider	Yes

Judicial candidates are rated by the Alliance members based on detailed information supplied by candidates, a background check by trained lawyers/investigators, and interviews of each candidate. Ratings reflect the Alliance’s opinion of whether candidates have the necessary qualifications for judicial service or ascension to a higher office and are not a reflection of the candidates’ abilities as lawyers or judges.