WBAI Judicial Ratings for 2026 General Election

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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		[1]	Not Evaluated Through No Fault of the Candidate
Candidates Who Do Not Participate in the Alliance's Evaluation Process Are rated "NR"				

Judicial candidates are rated by the WBAI — Judicial Evaluation Committee members based on detailed information supplied by candidates and a background check by trained lawyers/investigators. Ratings reflect the WBAI'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.

Illinois Appellate Court – (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas E. Hoffman	WBAI
Judith C. Rice	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Kathleen Marie Burke	WBAI
Steven Q. McKenzie	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Cynthia Y. Cobbs	WBAI
Luz Maria Toledo	**R**

Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Ellen Coghlan	W B A I
Ashonta C. Rice	**R**

Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. William Hooks	W B A I
Ava George Stewart	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Paul Karkula	W B A I
D'Anthony "Tony" Thedford	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 1st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Robert Balanoff	W B A I
Radiance Ward	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 1st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Carl A. Walker	W B A I
Ashley Greer Shambley	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 3rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas W. Murphy	W B A I
John Carroll	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 3rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock	W B A I
Rachel Marrello	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 5th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Dominique C. Ross	W B A I
Stephanie S. Kelly	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 8th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Celia L. Gamrath	W B A I
Kathleen Cunniff Ori	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 8th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary L. Mikva	W B A I
Lester Finkle	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 11th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Pamela McLean Meyerson	W B A I
Jarrett Knox	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 11th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Colleen Roberts	W B A I
Kim Przekota	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 13th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John Curry	W B A I
Robert "Bob" Groebner	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 13th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Martin C. Kelley	W B A I
Brittany Michelle Pedersen	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 13th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas J. Kelley	W B A I
William F. Kelley	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 13th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Shannon P. O'Malley	W B A I
Dan Naranjo	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 16th Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Callie L. Baird	W B A I
Julian Sanchez Crozier	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 16th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patricia Mendoza	W B A I
Jessica Karina Velez	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 17th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd J. Brooks	W B A I
Natalia Moore	**NR**

Cook Circuit Court – 17th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. James R. Carroll	W B A I
Bianca B. Brown	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 18th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Frank J. Andreou	W B A I
Sam Bae	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 18th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Jeffrey G. Chrones	W B A I
Juan Ponce de Leon	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 19th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John A. Fairman	W B A I
Sara McGann	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 19th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Michael J. Kane	WBAI
Monica Somerville	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 20th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. David E. Haracz	WBAI
Michael J. Zink	**R**

Cook Circuit Court – 20th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Stephanie K. Miller	WBAI
Jon Stromsta	**R**

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Per Alliance Guidelines Section IV "*Minimum Years of Experience*", Any Candidate With Less Than Ten Years Of Experience Shall Be Rated "NR"				

Shall the person listed be retained in office as Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court?

Illinois Appellate Court 1st District	WBAI
Bertina E. Lampkin	Yes
Cook County Circuit Court	WBAI
Lewis Nixon	Yes
Kerry M. Kennedy	Yes
Joan E. Powell	Yes
Maureen Ward Kirby	Yes

Edward A. Arce	Yes
Thomas J. Byrne	Yes
Diana L. Kenworthy	Yes
Kristyna Colleen Ryan	Yes
Ursula Walowski	Yes
Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos	Yes
Caroline Kate Moreland	Yes
Thomas J. Carroll	Yes
Andrea M. Buford	Yes
John Michael Allegretti	Yes
Kristal Rivers	Yes
Steven G. Watkins	Yes
Abbey Fishman Romanek	Yes
Judith C. Rice	Yes
Patrick Kevin Coughlin	Yes
Megan Elizabeth Goldish	Yes
Anjana M. J. Hansen	Yes
Robert D. Kuzas	Yes
Maritza Martinez	Yes
Terrence J. McGuire	Yes
Bridget Anne Mitchell	Yes
Cook County Circuit Court	W B A I
James P. Pieczonka	Yes
Patricia O'Brien Sheahan	Yes
Michael A. Forti	Yes
Nichole C. Patton	Yes
Sondra Nicole Denmark	Yes
Gerardo Tristan, Jr.	Yes
Lynn Weaver Boyle	Yes
Daniel Edward Maloney	Yes
Thomas M. Cushing	Yes
John G. Mulroe	Yes
Tyria B. Walton	Yes
Erin Haggerty Antonietti	Yes
Teresa Molina-Gonzalez	Yes
Patricia M. Fallon	Yes
Sheree Desiree Henry	Yes
Celestia L. Mays	Yes
Levander Smith, Jr.	Yes
Julie Bess Aimen	Yes
Laura Ayala-Gonzalez	Yes
Krista D. Butler	Yes

Maire Aileen Dempsey	Yes
Jamie Guerra Dickler	Yes
Jonathan Clark Green	Yes
Mary Catherine Marubio	Yes
Regina Ann Mescall	Yes
Lorraine Mary Murphy	Yes
Eileen Marie O'Connor	Yes
Jill Rose Quinn	Yes
Pamela Reaves-Harris	Yes
Tiesha L. Smith	Yes
Chris Stacey	Yes
Perla Tirado	Yes
Elizabeth Anne Walsh	Yes
Maura McMahon Zeller	Yes