

Appellate Judges



Robert Cahill

1st District, 1st Division

Robert Cahill was born in 1936 and educated at St. Louis University, Loyola University and Loyola University School of Law, where he earned his J.D. degree. He began his legal career as a legislative draftsman in Springfield then served in the Illinois Senate as legal counsel to the Education Committee and then chief of staff. From 1973 to 1980, he was an assistant state's attorney of Cook County, where he served as chief of special litigation. He practiced law from 1980 until his appointment as an Associate Judge in 1983. His nine years as a trial

judge included two years in the felony trial court and three years on civil jury cases in the 3rd Municipal District. Judge Cahill was elected to the Appellate Court in 1992.



Rodolfo Garcia

1st District, 1st Division

Rodolfo Garcia was born Feb. 16, 1953, in Amhurst, TX. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago's Law School. He served as assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Division and went into private practice in 1982. He opened his own law practice in 1983, eventually opening a neighborhood law office in the Little Village community in Chicago. Judge Garcia was elected a Circuit Judge for the 14th Judicial Subcircuit in 1996, and was

assigned to the Appellate Court in 2003.



Robert E. Gordon

1st District, 1st Division

Robert E. Gordon was born in Chicago in 1937. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received his J.D. degree from DePaul Law School. He was engaged in private practice before serving as a special assistant Attorney General from 1985 to 1996. He was appointed to the Circuit Court in 1996 and later elected to the court, where he presided over cases in the Municipal and Law Division. He received the Selective Service System Bronze Medal in 2002. Judge Gordon was appointed to the

Appellate Court in July 2006. He is president of the Jewish Judges of Illinois, a member of Operation PUSH and serves on the Board of Managers of the Decalogue Society. He is a 10-year member of the ADR Committee for the Supreme Court and has served on committees of the Illinois, American and Chicago Bar Associations. He is married to Marilyn Statland-Gordon, and has four children and eight grandchildren.

Warren D. Wolfson

1st District, 1st Division

Warren D. Wolfson was born in Chicago on Feb. 14, 1933, and graduated from The John Marshall High School. He received his B.S. degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his law degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1957, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, in 1963, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in 1965, and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970. Judge Wolfson was appointed a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1975, elected to a full term in 1976 and retained in 1982, 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006. He was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1994. He is married to Laurretta Wolfson.



Shelvin Louise Marie Hall

1st District, 2nd Division

Shelvin Louise Marie Hall was born June 15, 1948. She is a graduate of Hampton University and Boston University School of Law. She worked in private practice for six years in Houston, TX, and served as legislative director to the late U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland beginning in 1980. She served as senior attorney with the Illinois Department of Human Rights in 1982 and became general counsel for the agency in 1984. She was appointed a Circuit Court Judge of Cook County in 1991 and was elected to the court in 1992. Judge Hall was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1999 and elected to the court in 2000. She is chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, an organization for 1,500 African-American judges, and former chair of the Illinois Judicial Council.



Thomas E. Hoffman

1st District, 2nd Division

Thomas E. Hoffman was born Dec. 23, 1947, in Chicago. He received his B.B.A. degree from Loyola University and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. He served as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago from 1971 to 1976 before entering private practice. He was appointed an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1984, elected a Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1988, assigned to the Appellate Court in 1993 and elected to the court in 1994. Judge Hoffman serves as a trustee and chair of the Judges' Retirement Board and is a member of the Illinois State Board of Investments. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Justinian Society of Lawyers and the Chicago Inn of Court. He is married to Margarita T. Kulys and has four children.





Themis N. Karnezis

1st District, 2nd Division

Themis N. Karnezis was born in Chicago in 1942. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Detroit and his law degree from The John Marshall School of Law. He served as assistant state's attorney of Cook County from 1970 to 1974, and was engaged in private practice from 1974 to 1982. Judge Karnezis was appointed an Associate Judge in Cook County in 1982, appointed a Circuit Judge in 1989 and elected to that position in 1990, serving in the Criminal Division for 16 years. He also served in the Law Jury

Division and was Presiding Judge of the 4th Municipal District in Cook County. He was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2002. He and his wife, Melodie, have eight children.



Leslie Elaine South

1st District, 2nd Division

Leslie Elaine South is a graduate of Chicago public schools. She received her B.A. degree with honors from Loyola University of Chicago and her J.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law. She worked as an assistant prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's office from 1978 to 1982 and as a staff attorney for the Chicago Transit Authority from 1984 to 1988. She was appointed Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1988 and elected to the court in 1992. Judge

South was elected to the Appellate Court in 1996. She is chair-elect of the Illinois Judicial Council and a member of the Cook County, Women's and South Suburban Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association. She is married to Arthur Jackson, and they have two sons.

Joy V. Cunningham

1st District, 3rd Division

Joy V. Cunningham obtained her B.S. degree from the City University of New York and received her law degree in 1982 from The John Marshall Law School. She served as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for the Northwestern Memorial System, as a Cook County Circuit Court judge and as an assistant Attorney General. Judge Cunningham was president of the Chicago Bar Association from 2004 to 2005, becoming the first African-American woman to lead the nation's largest municipal bar

association. She also is a member of the American, Cook County, Illinois State and Women's Bar Associations. She has been recognized for her volunteer service to several civic organizations, including Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children and the March of Dimes.

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Alan J. Greiman

1st District, 3rd Division

Alan J. Greiman was born in Chicago in 1931 and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Illinois. He practiced law until his appointment to the bench, and served in the Illinois House from 1974 to 1987, where he served as Assistant Majority Leader. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1987 and elected to the court in 1988. Judge Greiman was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1991, and was elected chair of the Executive Committee of the Appellate Court in 1997 and re-elected each year thereafter. He served as chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Special Committee on Child Custody Issues and the Committee on Legislation. He is married to State Rep. Julie Hamos and has six daughters and seven grandchildren.



Patrick J. Quinn

1st District, 3rd Division

Patrick J. Quinn was born in Chicago on Oct. 1, 1953. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. He served as an assistant state's attorney of Cook County from 1981 until his election to the Appellate Court in 1996. He was supervisor of Cook County's 6th Municipal District from 1989 to 1991. Judge Quinn then headed the Public Integrity Unit and, subsequently, the Organized Crime Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's office. He is an Assembly Member of the Illinois State Bar Association and a member of the Illinois Judges' Association and the Chicago Bar Association. He and his wife, Susan, have three children.



Mary Jane Theis

1st District, 3rd Division

Mary Jane Theis was born Feb. 27, 1949, in Chicago. She received her B.A. degree from Loyola University and her J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. She was an assistant public defender in Cook County from 1974 to 1983, an Associate Judge from 1983 to 1988, and a Circuit Judge from 1988 to 1993. She was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1993 and elected to the court in 1994. Judge Theis is a member of the Illinois Judges' Association, the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. She is married to John T. Theis, and they have two children.





Calvin C. Campbell

1st District, 4th Division

Calvin C. Campbell was born and raised in Roanoke, VA. He received his A.B. degree from Howard University and his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago Law School. He served in the infantry during World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1966, appointed to the Circuit Court in 1977 and elected to the Appellate Court in 1978. He was retained for another term on the Appellate Court in 1998. Prior to his election to the Appellate Court, Judge Campbell was assistant

Attorney General from 1957 to 1977, serving as chief of the Revenue Litigation Division. He is a member of the Illinois Judicial Council and the Cook County and Illinois Bar Associations. He is a widower and has one daughter.



Michael J. Murphy

1st District, 4th Division

Michael J. Murphy was born in Chicago on June 20, 1941. He graduated from Loyola University and obtained his law degree from The John Marshall Law School. He headed the Civil Rights Division for the Illinois Attorney General's office and was attorney for the South East Chicago Commission, later serving as executive director. Judge Murphy was appointed a Cook County Associate Judge in 1985 and in 1992 was elected a Circuit Judge, serving as Presiding Judge of the County Division. He was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2005.

He has been active in the Lawyer's Assistance Program, which offers assistance to legal professionals with substance-abuse problems. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, have three daughters and five grandchildren.



P. Scott Neville, Jr.

1st District, 4th Division

P. Scott Neville, Jr. graduated from Culver Stockton College and Washington University School of Law. He began his career in 1974 as a law clerk and was engaged in private practice from 1977 to 1999. Judge Neville was elected to the Circuit Court in 2000 and appointed to the Appellate Court in 2004, where he serves as Presiding Judge of the 4th Division. He is chair of the Illinois Judicial Council, a life member of the National Bar Association, a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, past president of the Cook County Bar Association, and a co-founder of the Alliance of Bar Associations. Washington University's Law School presented him with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007. He also has received the Vanguard Award from the Chicago Bar Association and Presidential Awards from the Illinois State and Cook County Bar Associations.

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Sheila M. O'Brien

1st District, 4th Division

Sheila M. O'Brien was born Nov. 8, 1955. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame and its law school in 1977 and 1980. She has served as an assistant public defender, engaged in a general trial practice and taught at St. Louis University Law School. She became an associate judge in 1985 and was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994. Justice O'Brien is active in numerous legal, community and church organizations and is married with three children.



Margaret O'Mara Frossard

1st District, 5th Division

Margaret O'Mara Frossard was born Nov. 23, 1951, in Chicago. She received her B.A. degree with honors from Northwestern University and her J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. She was an assistant state's attorney of Cook County from 1976 to 1988, where she was chief of the Felony Trial Division. Judge Frossard served as an Associate Judge from 1988 to 1994, as a Circuit Judge from 1994 to 1997, and as an Appellate Court Judge since 1997, serving as Presiding Judge of the 1st and 6th Divisions. She is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School and a member of the Illinois Judges' Association, the Illinois State, Chicago, Women's and Northwestern Bar Associations. She also served on the Board of Managers of the North Suburban Bar Association from 1995 to 2005. She and her husband, Steve Yonover, have three children.



Michael J. Gallagher

1st District, 5th Division

Michael J. Gallagher was born in Evergreen Park on Feb. 7, 1953. He received his B.A. degree with honors from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his J.D. degree with honors from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He was a staff attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission from 1978 to 1979, and a law clerk for the Illinois Supreme Court from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 to 1988, Judge Gallagher was an associate and partner specializing in trial and appellate practice at Cassidy, Schade & Gloor. Appointed to the Circuit Court in 1988, he was elected to the court in 1990 and retained in 1996. He was appointed to the Appellate Court in 1996 and elected to the court in 1998. He is a member of the Illinois Judges' Association and the Chicago Bar Association.





James G. Fitzgerald Smith

1st District, 5th Division

James G. Fitzgerald Smith was born in Chicago in 1943. He received both his B.A. and B.S. degrees from Marquette University, earned his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School and graduated from the U.S. Army War College. He served as legal director of Rockford from 1975 to 1977, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago from 1977 to 1979, and city attorney and prosecutor of Des Plaines from 1979 to 1989. He was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1989 and elected to the court in 1994. Judge Smith

was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002. After 27 years of military service, he retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1996. He and his wife, Barb, have two daughters.



John P. Tully

1st District, 5th Division

John P. Tully was born in Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from Chicago Teachers College and his J.D. degree from DePaul University Law School. He practiced law for 14 years as a trial lawyer, dealing with a variety of trial work, including jury trials in the personal injury area and complex marital law. Judge Tully served as a Circuit Court Judge in Cook County from 1984 to 1990, when he was elected to the Appellate Court. He is the author of the book, *Divorce Without Tears* (1982).



Joseph Gordon

1st District, 6th Division

Joseph Gordon was born in Chicago on Dec. 4, 1932. He received his B.A. degree from Roosevelt University and his J.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law. He served as a law clerk for the Federal District Court, Northern District of Illinois from 1960 to 1961 and as a trial lawyer from 1961 to 1967. He was a full-time professor of law at The John Marshall Law School from 1967 to 1970 and again from 1983 to 1984, and taught part time between 1964 and 1986. He served as judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1976 to

1983 and from 1988 to 1989. Judge Gordon was appointed to the Appellate Court in 1989 and was elected to the court in 1990. He was retained for another term in 2000.

Margaret Stanton McBride

1st District, 6th Division

Margaret Stanton McBride was born in Evanston on Dec. 28, 1951. She received her B.A. degree from Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, MA, and earned her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. She was engaged in private practice from 1976 to 1977 and served as an assistant state's attorney of Cook County from 1977 to 1987. Judge McBride was appointed to the Circuit Court in 1987 and elected a Circuit Judge in 1990, where she served in the 1st Municipal District, Criminal, Law and Chancery Divisions. When elected to the Appellate Court in 1998, Judge McBride was Presiding Judge of the 3rd Municipal District. She is married and has two children.



Jill K. McNulty

1st District, 6th Division

Jill K. McNulty was born in Peoria and received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from Northwestern University. She served as a professor at IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law from 1972 to 1981, as an Associate Circuit Judge from 1979 to 1982, and as a Circuit Judge from 1982 to 1990. She was elected to the Appellate Court in 1990. Judge McNulty is a member of the Illinois State, Chicago, Women's and Cook County Bar Associations, and the Illinois Judicial Council.

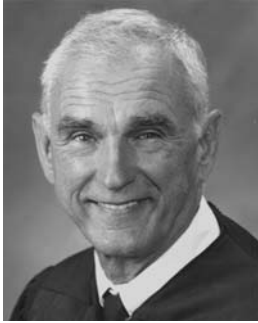


Denise M. O'Malley

1st District, 6th Division

Denise M. O'Malley was born in Chicago on March 15, 1940. She received her B.A. degree from Mundelein College, her M.A. degree from the University of Chicago and her J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. She was engaged in private practice from 1981 to 1992, and has served as an assistant state's attorney, senior trial counsel for the City of Chicago and staff attorney for the Chicago Transportation Authority. Judge O'Malley served as a judge on the Circuit Court from 1992 to 2002, and was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002. She is a member of the Chicago and Women's Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association and is an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School. She has three children and three grandchildren.





John J. Bowman

2nd District

John J. Bowman was born in Oak Park on Jan. 13, 1930. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. He served in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, and was in private practice from 1959 to 1973. He was a deputy public defender from 1965 to 1973, state's attorney of DuPage County from 1973 to 1976, and a judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit Court from 1976 to 1990. Judge Bowman was elected to the Appellate Court in 1990 and retained in 2000.

He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, DuPage County and Illinois Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association. He is single and has five children.

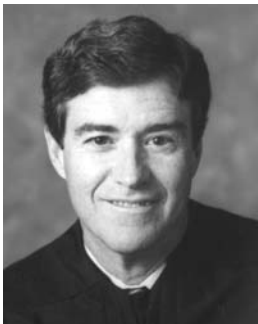


Robert E. Byrne

2nd District

Robert E. Byrne was born July 10, 1941, in Oak Park and received his J.D. degree from Loyola University. He was a litigation attorney prior to his appointment as Associate Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit in 1986. He was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1991 and elected in 1992, where he served as Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations and Chancery Divisions. Judge Byrne was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2001. He is founder of the Arbitration Program in DuPage County and the Court Friends-Guardian Monitor Program for

disabled adults. He was a member of the Illinois Judicial Conference from 1997 to 2006, serving as chair of the Court Automation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees. He is a member of the Illinois State and DuPage County Bar Associations. He and his wife, Mame, have two daughters.



Thomas E. Callum

2nd District

Thomas E. Callum was born May 18, 1944, in Evergreen Park. He received his B.A. degree with honors from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN, and earned his J.D. degree with distinction from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1973, serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He was an assistant state's attorney of Cook County from 1973 to 1978, and was deputy chief of the criminal division of the DuPage County State's Attorney's office from 1978 to 1980. From 1980 to 1986, he was engaged in general

practice. Judge Callum was appointed an Associate Judge in 1986, appointed a Circuit Judge in 1994 and elected to the court in 1996, serving as Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit from 1999 to 2001. He was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2001 and elected to the court in 2002. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have been married since 1972.

Barbara Gilleran Johnson

2nd District

Barbara Gilleran Johnson received her law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. She served as an assistant Attorney General, where she was chief of the Crime Victims Compensation Division, as assistant state's attorney of Lake County, where she was chief of the juvenile division, and worked in private practice. She was appointed an Associate Judge in 1987, appointed a Circuit Judge in 1996 and elected to the court in 1998. Judge Johnson was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002. She is a member of the Illinois State, Lake County and Women's Bar Associations and serves on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Judges' Association. She is past president and current member of the Justinian Society and a member of the American Inns of Court. She has two sons.



R. Peter Grometer

2nd District

R. Peter Grometer was born Feb. 19, 1946, in Aurora. He received his B.A. degree from Michigan State University and his J.D. degree from the University of Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972, and practiced law in Aurora from 1973 to 1985. He served as an Associate Judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit from 1985 to 1992, and as a Circuit Judge from 1992 to 2001, where he was Chief Judge from 1996 to 1998. Judge Grometer was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2001. He has served on the Illinois Judicial Conference and was chair of the Automation and Technology Committee from 1997 to 1999. He is a member of the Aurora Rotary Club and director of the Aurora Juvenile Protective Association. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and four grandchildren.

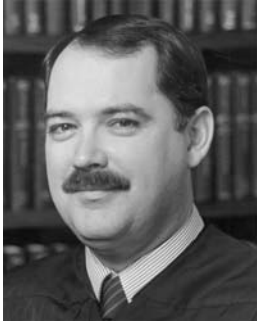


Susan F. Hutchinson

2nd District

Susan F. Hutchinson was born April 1, 1950, in Monmouth. She received her B.A. degree from Quincy University and her J.D. degree from DePaul University School of Law. She served as an assistant state's attorney of McHenry County from 1977 to 1981, and as a judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit from 1981 to 1994. She was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994. Judge Hutchinson is a member of the Youth Service Bureau of McHenry County, the McHenry County, Illinois State and Women's Bar Associations, the Illinois Judges' Association, the National Association of Women Judges, and the Illinois Council of Juvenile and Family Judges. She and her husband, Steven McArdle, have one son.





Robert D. McLaren

2nd District

Robert D. McLaren was born Oct. 1, 1944, in Oak Park. He received his B.A. degree from Monmouth College and his J.D. degree from Drake University Law School. He served as an assistant and special assistant state's attorney from 1970 to 1977, and was engaged in private practice from 1977 to 1981. Judge McLaren was appointed an Associate Judge of the 18th Circuit Court in 1981 and became a Circuit Judge in 1984. He was elected an Appellate Judge in 1988 and was retained in 1998. He is a member of the Illinois Judges' Association, the DuPage County

Bar Association and the Appellate Lawyers' Association. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two children.



Jack O'Malley

2nd District

Jack O'Malley was born in Chicago in 1951. He graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University and studied law at Cornell University Law School and the University of Chicago Law School. He worked as a police officer for the Chicago Police Department while attending college and law school. Judge O'Malley was elected Cook County state's attorney in 1990 and re-elected in 1992. He served as assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago, worked in private practice, and in 1996 became vice president and general counsel of

G.E. Marquette Medical Systems, a subsidiary of the General Electric Company. He was elected to the Appellate Court in 2000. He and his wife, Terri, reside in McHenry County.



Kathryn E. Zenoff

2nd District

Kathryn E. Zenoff was born in Chicago in 1946. She graduated cum laude from Stanford University and received her J.D. degree from Columbia University Law School. She practiced law in the private sector in New York City and Chicago and served as an assistant state's attorney in Cook and Winnebago Counties. Judge Zenoff was appointed an Associate Judge in the 17th Circuit in 1995, and appointed a Circuit Judge by the Supreme Court in 1998 and retained in 2004, serving as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division

and Mental Health Court. She was elected Chief Judge in 2003, where she served until her assignment to the Appellate Court in May 2007. She continues to serve on the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility, and facilitates the 17th Circuit's pilot project on civility and professionalism. She and her husband have two children.

Robert L. Carter

3rd District

Robert L. Carter received his A.B. and J.D. degrees from the U of I at Urbana-Champaign, and an M.A. in administration from Sangamon State University. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He was a law clerk in the Illinois Supreme Court from 1974 to 1975, engaged in private practice from 1975 to 1979, and was elected a Circuit Judge in 1988, becoming Chief Judge in 1993. Judge Carter was elected chair of the Conference of Chief Judges in 2002, 2003 and 2005, and was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2006. He is past president of the Illinois Judges' Association and chairs the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee on Family Violence issues. He is a member/past post commander of the American Legion, a member of the VFW, and a member of the Illinois and LaSalle County Bar Associations. He and his wife, Nancy Rink Carter, have two children.



William E. Holdridge

3rd District

William E. Holdridge was born March 30, 1948, in Peoria. He received his B.S. degree from Illinois State University, his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from Southern Illinois University. He was a professor at both the U of I and SIU and was engaged in private practice in Peoria and Fulton counties. Judge Holdridge has served as a Circuit Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, as a law clerk for both the Illinois Supreme Court and the Appellate Court, and as director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. He was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994 and has served on the Industrial Commission Division since 1995. He is a member of the Illinois and Missouri Bar Associations and the Abraham Lincoln Inn of Court.



Tom M. Lytton

3rd District

Tom M. Lytton was born Oct. 6, 1943, in Raleigh, NC. He received his B.A. degree from Northwestern University, a certificate of graduation from the International School of Law, The Hague, Holland, and his J.D. degree from Northwestern University Law School. He was an attorney with VISTA in Charleston, WV, from 1968 to 1969, and with Neighborhood Legal Services in Pittsburgh, PA, from 1969 to 1973. He engaged in private practice from 1973 to 1992, and served as a special assistant Attorney General from 1981 to 1992. Judge Lytton was elected to the Appellate Court in 1992. He and his wife, Mary Lind, have one daughter.





Mary McDade

3rd District

Mary McDade was born in Columbia, SC, in August 1939, and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, and for 18 years worked at home as the mother of four children. She served as president of the Peoria Board of Education from 1972 to 1973, and as president of the Board of Trustees of Eureka College in 1980 and 1982. In 1981, at age 41, she enrolled in the University of Illinois College of Law, earning her J.D. degree in 1984. She was a law clerk for U.S. District Court from 1984 to 1986, and engaged in private practice in 1991. Judge McDade was elected to the Appellate Court in 2000, becoming the first African-American woman elected to the Appellate Court outside Cook County.



Mary K. O'Brien

3rd District

Mary K. O'Brien was born in Kankakee on June 4, 1965. She is a graduate of Western Illinois University and received her J.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. She practiced law in the Grundy County State's Attorney's office, engaged in private practice, and was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1996, where she served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee on Criminal Law. She resigned from the Illinois House in December 2003 when she was appointed to the Appellate Court. Judge O'Brien was elected to the court in 2004. She currently serves on the Board of Provena St. Mary's Hospital. She and her husband, Todd Gereaux, have three children.



Daniel L. Schmidt

3rd District

Daniel L. Schmidt was born in Peoria on Jan. 12, 1951. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from Washington University, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. He worked nine years as a police officer in Peoria before graduating from law school. As a trial attorney for 19 years, he was involved primarily in the defense of civil cases and argued cases on appeal before the Illinois Appellate Courts. He also handled cases in the U.S. District Courts in four states. Judge Schmidt was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002. He is a member of the American Inns of Court. He and his wife, Maureen, have one son.

Vicki Wright

3rd District

Vicki Wright is a 1979 graduate of Northwestern University and received her J.D. degree from Loyola University in 1982. She conducted criminal appeals for the Appellate Service Commission from 1982 to 1984, appearing exclusively before the 3rd District Appellate Court. She joined the staff of the Whiteside County State's Attorney's office in 1984, where she served as a criminal prosecutor for seven years. Judge Wright was appointed an Associate Circuit Judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit in 1991, a position she held for 15 years before being elected to the Appellate Court in November 2006. She and her husband have two children.

**Thomas R. Appleton**

4th District

Thomas R. Appleton was born Feb. 26, 1949, in Chicago. He received his B.A. degree from Augustana College, his master's degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He was a law clerk for the Appellate Court from 1976 to 1978, when he became research director, and was appointed clerk of the court in 1979. From 1981 to 1992, he was engaged in private practice in Sangamon County. Judge Appleton was elected a Circuit Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit in 1992, and was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2001. He is a member of the Illinois State and Sangamon County Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association and serves on the Illinois Judicial Conference. He and his wife, Helen, have two sons.

**Robert W. Cook**

4th District

Robert W. Cook was born Nov. 6, 1943, in Springfield. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970, serving in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He practiced law in Quincy from 1970 to 1983, and was a Circuit Judge in Adams County from 1983 to 1991. Judge Cook was appointed to the Appellate Court in 1991 and elected to the court in 1994. He is a member of the Illinois State and Adams County Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association. He and his wife, Fran, have three children.





James A. Knecht

4th District

James A. Knecht was born in Lincoln in 1944. He was educated at Illinois State University and the University of Illinois College of Law, graduating with honors. He served as a law clerk in the Illinois Supreme Court from 1973 to 1974, as an Associate Circuit Judge from 1975 to 1978, and as a Circuit Judge from 1978 to 1986. Judge Knecht was elected to the Appellate Court in 1986. He is past president of the Appellate Lawyers Association of Illinois, a member of the Illinois State and McLean County Bar Associations, and a fellow of the

Illinois Bar Foundation. He served 27 years as an adjunct professor at ISU and currently serves as secretary of the ISU Foundation. He also is a co-founder of the Robert C. Underwood Inn of Court. He and his wife, Ruth, have two children and two grandchildren.



John T. McCullough

4th District

John T. McCullough was born June 15, 1931, in Streator. He was educated at Lincoln College and the University of Illinois College of Law, where he earned his J.D. degree. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957, was elected a county judge in 1962 and later became resident Circuit Judge. He was elected Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit in 1974 and served as chair of the Chief Judges' Conference from 1982 to 1984. Judge McCullough was elected to the Appellate Court in 1984, serving as Presiding Judge of the Industrial Commission

Division since 1991. He is a member of the Logan County Bar Association. He has five daughters and six grandchildren.



Sue E. Myerscough

4th District

Sue E. Myerscough was born Oct. 22, 1951, in Springfield. She received her B.A. degree with honors from Southern Illinois University and her J.D. degree from SIU Law School. She served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court, and was in private practice until her appointment as an Associate Judge in 1987. She was elected to the Circuit Court in 1990, becoming Presiding Judge of Sangamon County in 1994 and Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit in 1996. Judge Myerscough was elected to the Appellate Court in 1998. She is a member of the

Illinois Judges' Association, the Sangamon County, Central Illinois Women's and Government Bar Associations, and the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee. She also serves on the Lincoln-Douglas Inn of Court, the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Board of Directors, the Central Illinois Pro Bono Committee and the Judicial Inquiry Board. She has been an adjunct professor at SIU School of Medicine since 1994. She and her husband, Bob, have two daughters.

Robert J. Steigmann

4th District

Robert J. Steigmann was born in December 1944. He received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. From 1968 to 1976, he was a staff attorney with the Legislative Reference Bureau and an assistant state's attorney of Sangamon and Champaign Counties. Judge Steigmann was elected to the Circuit Court in 1976, assigned to the Appellate Court in 1989 and elected to the court in 1994. From 1997 to 1999, he served as a faculty member of the New York University Law School Institute of Judicial Administration and presently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the U of I College of Law. Judge Steigmann is married and has two children.



John W. Turner

4th District

John W. Turner was born March 23, 1956, in Lincoln. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois with Phi Beta Kappa distinction and his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. He served as public defender for Logan County from 1984 to 1987, and was elected Logan County state's attorney in 1988 and re-elected in 1992. Judge Turner was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1994, and was spokesperson for the House Judiciary Civil Law Committee from 1998 until his appointment to the Appellate Court in 2001. He is a member of the Illinois State and Logan County Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association. He and his wife, Kim, have one child.



Melissa Ann Chapman

5th District

Melissa Ann Chapman was born in 1951 in Granite City. She received both her B.A. and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She worked as a mental health counselor for five years before earning her J.D. degree from St. Louis University Law School. She practiced law for 18 years until being appointed to the Appellate Court in 2001. Judge Chapman is a member of the American, Madison County and Tri-City Bar Associations, and the American and Illinois Trial Lawyers Associations. She initiated and chaired the People's Court in Madison County to familiarize the public with the justice system. She and her husband, Phil Rheinecker, have two children.





James K. Donovan

5th District

James K. Donovan was born Aug. 12, 1952, in East St. Louis. He received his B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and his J.D. degree from St. Louis University School of Law. He served as an assistant state's attorney of St. Clair County from 1978 to 1980, and as a public defender from 1981 to 1987. He was engaged in private practice from 1981 to 1987 and from 1994 to 2001. Judge Donovan was a Circuit Judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit from 1987 to 1994 and from 2001 until being assigned to the Appellate Court in 2002. He

was elected to the court in 2004. He is a member of the Illinois State and Missouri Bar Associations and the Illinois Judges' Association. He and his wife, Angelia, have three children.



Richard P. Goldenhersh

5th District

Richard P. Goldenhersh was born July 16, 1944, in East St. Louis. He attended Washington University, where he received his A.B. and J.D. degrees, and earned his LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia. After seven years in private practice, he was appointed an Associate Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit in 1975 and became a Circuit Judge in 1982, where he served until joining the Appellate Court in 1988. Judge Goldenhersh is a member of the St. Clair County and Illinois State Bar Associations and former president of the Illinois

Judges' Association. He is past chair of the ISBA Section Council on Civil Practice and Procedure and former chair of the Associate Judge Coordinating Committee. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children.



Stephen L. Spomer

5th District

Stephen L. Spomer was born in 1949. He received his B.A. degree from Tulane University and his J.D. degree from Tulane Law School. He was in private practice in Cairo from 1974 to 1978 at his family's law firm and served as public defender for Johnson and Massac Counties from 1974 to 1976. He was elected state's attorney of Massac County in 1976. Judge Spomer was elected to the Circuit Court of Alexander County in 1978, and was retained in 1984, 1990, 1996 and 2002, serving as Chief Judge of the First Judicial

Circuit from 1992 to 1998. He was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2005. He and his wife, Debra, have one daughter.

Bruce D. Stewart

5th District

Bruce D. Stewart was born, Aug. 30, 1952, in Mt. Vernon and raised in West Frankfort. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a bachelor's degree in government in 1973, and from SIU School of Law as a member of its charter class in 1976. Judge Stewart practiced law in Southern Illinois from 1976 to 1995, with an emphasis on litigation. He was appointed Circuit Judge of the 1st Judicial Circuit in 1995 and elected to that position in 1996. He served as a Circuit Judge until November 2006, when he was elected to the 5th District Appellate Court. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Judges' Association, where he serves on the board of directors. He and his wife, Marleigh, live in Harrisburg. They have two daughters.



Thomas M. Welch

5th District

Thomas M. Welch was born Feb. 28, 1939, in St. Louis. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from the University of Missouri. He served as a Circuit Court magistrate from 1965 to 1971, as Madison County assistant state's attorney from 1971 to 1972, and as an attorney for the City of Collinsville. He was in private practice from 1971 until his election to the Appellate Court in 1980. Judge Welch is a member of the Illinois State, Madison County and Tri-City Bar Associations. He and his wife, Cynthia, have three children.



James M. Wexstten

5th District

James M. Wexstten was born April 29, 1950, and raised in Nokomis. He received both his B.S. and J.D. degrees from Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he was a member of the charter class of the SIU School of Law. He practiced law for 11 years in southern Illinois, and in 1988 was elected an at-large Circuit Judge for the 2nd Judicial Circuit. He was twice elected Chief Circuit Judge, from 1991 to 1993 and again from 2000 to 2003. He was retained as a Circuit Judge in 1994, 2000 and 2006. On Feb. 2, 2007, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed him to the 5th District Appellate Court. He is a past president of the Illinois Judges' Association, where he serves on its executive committee and board of directors. He also is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Jefferson County Bar Association, where he served as a past president. He and his wife, Darla, have three daughters and six grandchildren.

