

## Illinois Court of Claims Judges

The Illinois Court of Claims has exclusive jurisdiction to hear all claims regarding any contract with the State of Illinois; torts committed by agents of the state; time unjustly served by innocent persons in Illinois prisons; torts committed by escaped inmates of state-controlled institutions; and lapsed appropriations claims. The Court of Claims administers assistance programs to compensate families of law enforcement officers, firefighters and military personnel killed in the line of duty. The court also vouchers awards to innocent victims of violent crimes as authorized by the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.



**Peter J. Birnbaum**  
Chief Justice  
Appointed 2004



**Mary Patricia Burns**  
Appointed 2009



**Joseph Gagliardo**  
Appointed 2017



**Michael L. McGlynn**  
Appointed 2015



**Robert J. Sprague**  
Appointed 2019



**Nancy Zettler**  
Appointed 2019