



### **Thomas M. Welch**

Thomas Welch was born in 1939. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from the University of Missouri. He served as Circuit Court magistrate from 1965 to 1971, and as Madison County assistant state's attorney from 1971 to 1972. Judge Welch was elected to the Appellate Court in 1980 and retained three times.

### **James M. Wexstten**

James Wexstten was born in 1950. 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 law school. He was elected a circuit judge for the 2nd Judicial Circuit in 1988 and retained three times. Judge Wexstten was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2007 and elected to the court in 2008.



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## **Appellate Court Clerks**



**Steven M. Ravid**  
1st District  
Appointed 2001



**Robert J. Mangan**  
2nd District  
Appointed 2002



**Gist Fleshman**  
3rd District  
Appointed 1992



**Carla Bender**  
4th District  
Appointed 2009



**John J. Flood**  
5th District  
Appointed 2009