

## Appellate Court Judges

### 1st District, 1st Division

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#### **Rodolfo Garcia**

Rodolfo Garcia was born in 1953. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago's Law School. He was elected a circuit judge for the 14th Judicial Subcircuit in 1996, where he served as a felony trial judge. Judge Garcia was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2003.



#### **Shelvin Louise Marie Hall**

Shelvin Louise Marie Hall was born in 1948. She received her B.A. degree from Hampton University and her J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law. She was appointed a circuit judge on the Cook County Circuit Court in 1991 and elected to the court in 1992. Judge Hall was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1999 and elected to the court in 2000.



#### **Bertina E. Lampkin**

Bertina Lampkin was born in 1948 in Chicago. She received her B.A. degree from Roosevelt University and her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. She served as an associate judge from 1987 to 1992 and as a circuit judge from 1992 to 2009 on the Cook County Circuit Court. Judge Lampkin was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2009.



#### **Sebastian Thomas Patti**

Sebastian Patti received his B.A. degree from Duke University and his J.D. degree from the University of Kansas School of Law. He was appointed a Cook County circuit judge in 1995 and elected to the court in 1996, where he served as supervising judge of the Housing Section from 1999 to 2009. Judge Patti was assigned to the Appellate Court in August 2009.



**Joy V. Cunningham**

Joy Cunningham received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1982. She served as a circuit judge and as an assistant Attorney General. She was the first African-American woman president of the Chicago Bar Association. Judge Cunningham was elected to the Appellate Court in 2006 and serves as presiding judge of the 2nd Division.



**Thomas E. Hoffman**

Thomas Hoffman was born in 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 was appointed an associate judge in 1984 and elected a circuit judge in 1988. Judge Hoffman was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1993 and elected to the court in 1994.



**Themis N. Karnezis**

Themis 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 Law School. He was appointed an associate judge in 1982, appointed a circuit judge in 1989 and elected to the court in 1992. Judge Karnezis was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2002.



**Mary Jane Theis**

Mary Jane Theis was born in 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 associate judge from 1983 to 1988 and a circuit judge from 1988 to 1993. Judge Theis was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1993 and elected to the court in 1994.



**Sharon Johnson Coleman**

Sharon Johnson Coleman received her J.D. degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She was a circuit judge from 1996 to 2008, serving nearly 10 years as a jury trial judge in the law division. Judge Coleman was elected to the Appellate Court in November 2008.



**Michael J. Murphy**

Michael Murphy was born in 1941 in Chicago. He graduated from Loyola University and The John Marshall Law School. He was appointed an associate judge in 1985 and elected a circuit judge in 1992, serving as presiding judge of the county division. Judge Murphy was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2005.



**Patrick J. Quinn**

Patrick Quinn was born in 1953 in Chicago. 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 was a Cook County assistant state's attorney from 1981 to 1996, serving in the Public Integrity and Organized Crime Units. Judge Quinn was elected to the Appellate Court in 1996.



**John O. Steele**

John Steele was born and raised in Chicago. He received his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1978. He was appointed an associate judge in 1997 and elected a circuit judge in 2000. Judge Steele was elected to the Appellate Court in November 2008.



**Margaret O'Mara Frossard**

Margaret O'Mara Frossard was born in 1951. She received her B.A. degree from Northwestern University and her J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. She was a trial judge from 1988 to 1997. Judge O'Mara Frossard has been an Appellate Court judge since 1997, serving as presiding judge of the 1st, 4th and 6th Divisions.



**Michael J. Gallagher**

Michael Gallagher was born in 1953. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He was a law clerk for the Illinois Supreme Court and a circuit judge from 1988 to 1996. Judge Gallagher was appointed to the Appellate Court in 1996.



**P. Scott Neville, Jr.**

Scott Neville graduated from Culver-Stockton College and Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. He was a law clerk for the Appellate Court in 1974. He was appointed a Cook County circuit judge in 1999 and elected to the court in 2000. Judge Neville was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2004.



**Sheila M. O'Brien**

Sheila O'Brien was born in 1955, and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and its law school. She was an assistant public defender and taught at the St. Louis University School of Law. Judge O'Brien was appointed an associate judge in 1985 and was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994.



**Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.**

Nathaniel Howse received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and his J.D. degree from Loyola University School of Law. He was elected to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1998 and retained in 2004. Judge Howse was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2009.



**James G. Fitzgerald Smith**

James Fitzgerald Smith was born in Chicago in 1943. He attended Marquette University, The John Marshall Law School and the U.S. Army War College. He was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1989 and elected to the court in 1994. He retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1996. Judge Fitzgerald Smith was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002.



**Michael P. Toomin**

Michael Toomin was born in Chicago. He received his B.A. degree from Northwestern University and his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. He was appointed an associate judge in 1980 and elected to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1984. Judge Toomin was appointed to the Appellate Court in August 2008.



**John P. Tully**

John Tully was born in Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from Chicago Teachers College and his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. He served as a Cook County circuit judge from 1984 to 1990. Judge Tully was elected to the Appellate Court in 1990.



**Robert Cahill**

Robert Cahill was born in 1936 and educated at St. Louis University, Loyola University and Loyola University School of Law, where he received his J.D. degree. He was appointed a Cook County associate judge in 1983, serving nine years. Judge Cahill was elected to the Appellate Court in 1992.



**Joseph Gordon**

Joseph Gordon was born in 1932 in Chicago. He received his B.A. degree from Roosevelt University and his J.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1960. He served on the Cook County Circuit Court from 1976 to 1983 and from 1988 to 1989. Judge Gordon was appointed to the Appellate Court in 1989, elected to the court in 1990 and retained in 2000.



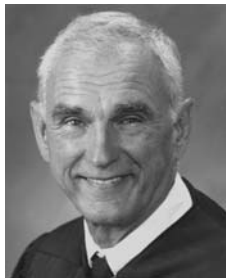
**Robert E. Gordon**

Robert Gordon was born in Chicago in 1937. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1962. He was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1996 and later elected to the court. Judge Gordon was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2006, serving as presiding judge of the 1st Division from 2008 to 2009.



**Margaret Stanton McBride**

Margaret Stanton McBride was born in 1951 and received her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. She was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1987 and elected a circuit judge in 1990, where she served as presiding judge of the 3rd Municipal District. Judge Stanton McBride was elected to the Appellate Court in 1998 and retained in 2008.



### **John J. Bowman**

John Bowman was born in 1930 in Oak Park. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. He was a judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit from 1976 to 1990. Judge Bowman was elected to the Appellate Court in 1990 and retained in 2000.



### **Michael J. Burke**

Michael Burke was born in 1958 in Chicago. He received his B.S. degree from Northern Illinois University in 1980 and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1984. He served as an associate judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit from 1992 to 2001 and as a circuit judge from 2001 to 2008. Judge Burke was assigned to the Appellate Court in July 2008.



### **Donald C. Hudson**

Donald Hudson was born and raised in Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from DePaul University and his J.D. degree from The John Marshall Law School. He was appointed an associate judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit in 1993 and elected a circuit judge in 2000. Judge Hudson was assigned to the Appellate Court in January 2009.



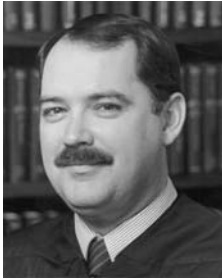
### **Susan F. Hutchinson**

Susan Hutchinson was born in 1950 in Monmouth. She received her B.A. degree from Quincy University in 1971 and her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1977. She was a judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit from 1981 to 1994. Judge Hutchinson was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994.



### **Ann B. Jorgensen**

Ann Jorgensen was born in 1955. She is a graduate of Loyola University and received her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1980. She was appointed an associate judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit in 1989. She was elected a circuit judge in 1994 and retained in 2000 and 2006. Judge Jorgensen was appointed to the Appellate Court in July 2008.



### **Robert D. McLaren**

Robert McLaren was born in 1944 in Oak Park. He received his B.A. degree from Monmouth College in 1966 and his J.D. degree from Drake University Law School in 1969. He was appointed an associate judge in 1981 and elected a circuit judge in 1984 for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge McLaren was elected to the Appellate Court in 1988 and retained in 1998 and 2008.



### **Jack O'Malley**

Jack O'Malley was born in 1951 in Chicago. He received his B.S. degree from Loyola University and studied law at Cornell University Law School and the University of Chicago Law School while working as a police officer for the Chicago Police Department. Judge O'Malley was elected to the Appellate Court in 2000.



### **Mary Seminara-Schostok**

Mary Seminara-Schostok was born in 1958 in Pennsylvania. She served as an assistant public defender in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, before moving to Illinois. She was appointed an associate judge in 1998, appointed a circuit judge in 2001 and elected to the court in 2002. Judge Seminara-Schostok was appointed to the Appellate Court in August 2008.



### **Kathryn E. Zenoff**

Kathryn Zenoff was born in 1946 in Chicago. She graduated from Stanford University and received her J.D. degree from Columbia University Law School. She was appointed an associate judge in 1995 and a circuit judge in 1998 for the 17th Judicial Circuit. She later was elected to the court and retained in 2004. Judge Zenoff was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2007.

## **3rd District**

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### **Robert L. Carter**

Robert Carter received his A.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and his M.A. from the former Sangamon State University. He was elected an associate judge in 1979 and a circuit judge in 1988, serving as chief judge from 1993 to 2006. Judge Carter was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2006.



### **William E. Holdridge**

William Holdridge was born in 1948 in Peoria. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from Southern Illinois University School of Law. He served as a circuit judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit and as director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. Judge Holdridge was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994.



### **Tom M. Lytton**

Tom Lytton was born in 1943 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Northwestern University. He also attended the International School of Law in The Hague, Holland. After more than 20 years working in the private and public sectors, Judge Lytton was elected to the Appellate Court in 1992.



### **Mary W. McDade**

Mary McDade was born in 1939 in South Carolina. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1961. After raising her children, she enrolled in the University of Illinois College of Law, earning her J.D. degree in 1984. Judge McDade was elected to the Appellate Court in 2000 — the first African-American woman elected to the court outside of Cook County.



### **Mary K. O'Brien**

Mary O'Brien was born in 1965 in Kankakee. She is a graduate of Western Illinois University and received her J.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. She served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1997 to 2003, when she was appointed to the Appellate Court. Judge O'Brien was elected to the court in 2004.



### **Daniel L. Schmidt**

Daniel Schmidt was born in 1951 in Peoria. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from Washington University School of Law. He tried civil cases and argued appeals in state and federal courts for 19 years. Judge Schmidt was elected to the Appellate Court in 2002.



### **Vicki R. Wright**

Vicki Wright is a 1979 graduate of Northwestern University and received her J.D. degree from Loyola School of Law in 1982. She was appointed an associate judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit in 1991, where she served 15 years. Judge Wright was elected to the Appellate Court in 2006.



### **Thomas R. Appleton**

Thomas Appleton was born in 1949 in Chicago. He received his B.A. degree from Augustana College and his J.D. degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He was appointed an Appellate Court clerk in 1979, and was elected a circuit judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit in 1992. Judge Appleton was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2001.



### **James A. Knecht**

James Knecht was born in Lincoln in 1944. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and the University of Illinois College of Law. He served as a law clerk for the Illinois Supreme Court from 1973 to 1974, as an associate judge from 1975 to 1978, and as a circuit judge from 1978 to 1986. Judge Knecht was elected to the Appellate Court in 1986.



### **John T. McCullough**

John McCullough was born in 1931 in Streator. He was educated at Lincoln College and the University of Illinois College of Law, and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He was elected a county judge in 1962 and later became a circuit judge, serving as chief judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit. Judge McCullough was elected to the Appellate Court in 1984.



### **Sue E. Myerscough**

Sue Myerscough was born in 1951 in Springfield. She received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from Southern Illinois University. She was appointed an associate judge in 1987 and elected a circuit judge in 1990, serving as chief judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit. Judge Myerscough was elected to the Appellate Court in 1998, where she has served as presiding judge.



### **M. Carol Pope**

Carol Pope was born in 1954. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. She was appointed circuit judge of Menard County in 1991, elected to the court in 1992, and retained in 1998 and 2004. Judge Pope was assigned to the Appellate Court in December 2008.



### **Robert J. Steigmann**

Robert Steigmann was born in 1944. He received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He served as a staff attorney with the state's Legislative Reference Bureau and was elected a circuit judge in 1976. Judge Steigmann was assigned to the Appellate Court in 1989 and elected to the court in 1994.



### **John W. Turner**

John Turner was born in 1956 in Lincoln. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and his J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1994, serving until 2001. Judge Turner was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2001 and elected to the court in 2002.

## **5th District**

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### **Melissa Ann Chapman**

Melissa Ann Chapman was born in 1951 in Granite City. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She worked as a mental-health counselor before earning her J.D. degree from St. Louis University School of Law. Judge Chapman was appointed to the Appellate Court in 2001.



### **James K. Donovan**

James Donovan was born in 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 associate judge from 1983 to 1987, and as a circuit judge from 1987 to 1994 and from 2001 to 2002. Judge Donovan was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2002 and elected in 2004.



### **Richard P. Goldenhersh**

Richard Goldenhersh was born in 1944. He received his A.B. and J.D. degrees from Washington University, and his LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia in 2001. He was appointed an associate judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in 1975, and became a circuit judge in 1982. Judge Goldenhersh became an Appellate Court judge in 1988.



### **Stephen L. Spomer**

Stephen Spomer was born in 1949. He received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Tulane University. He was elected a circuit judge in Alexander County in 1978 and was retained four times. He served as chief judge of the 1st Judicial Circuit from 1992 to 1998. Judge Spomer was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2005.



### **Bruce D. Stewart**

Bruce Stewart was born in 1952 in Mt. Vernon. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and his J.D. degree from SIU School of Law. He was appointed a circuit judge of the 1st Judicial Circuit in 1995 and elected to the court in 1996, where he served for 10 years. Judge Stewart was elected to the Appellate Court in 2006.



### **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.



### **James M. Wexstten**

James Wexstten was born in 1950. He received 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 November 2008.