Illinois Civil Justice League Judicial Ratings 2020 – Primary Election

The Illinois Civil Justice League (ICJL) invites judicial candidates and judges running for election in the Illinois primary election to be held on March 17, 2020, the opportunity to submit answers to seven questions in their own words, which the ICJL publishes on www.IllinoisJudges.net in an unedited form. In addition to providing this information to voters, the ICJL also evaluates the questionnaire answers, judicial and career records, press accounts, bar ratings, campaign contributions, and other sources. Candidates who submit a response to our questionnaire are considered for recommendations of Recommended or Highly Recommended. The rating of Highly Recommended is reserved for candidates or judges who have demonstrated a high level of competency in regards to their legal and/or judicial careers, or who have excelled in demonstrating their commitment and knowledge to educating the voters of their background, experience and viewpoints on the judicial system.

The ICJL reserves the right to take No Position on a candidate or judge who has returned our questionnaire. The rating of Not Recommended is reserved for candidates or judges who have campaigns or judicial records that have left the ICJL with questions about the integrity, impartiality, fairness, or conduct of the candidate, judge, or their campaign. The ICJL strictly does not factor partisanship into its ratings, but does research factors relating to external influences from special interests on the civil justice system.

For Supreme Court Judge

First District – Freeman Vacancy: P. Scott Neville (D) – Highly Recommended
Fifth District – Karmeier Vacancy: David Overstreet (R) – Highly Recommended
Fifth District – Karmeier Vacancy: John Barberis (R) – Recommended

For Appellate Court Judge

First District – Neville Vacancy: Carolyn Gallagher (D) – Highly Recommended
First District – Neville Vacancy: Maureen O’Leary (D) – NOT Recommended
First District – Simon Vacancy: John Griffin (D) – Recommended
Fifth District – Chapman Vacancy: Mark Boie (R) – Highly Recommended
Fifth District – Chapman Vacancy: Sarah Smith (D) – Highly Recommended

For Cook County Circuit Judge

Coghlan Vacancy: Kelly McCarthy (D) – Recommended
Funderburk Vacancy: Daniel Collins (D) – Recommended
Mason Vacancy: Arthur Sutton (D) – NOT Recommended
Mason Vacancy: Bonnie McGrath (D) – NOT Recommended
Murphy Gorman Vacancy:  Keely Hillison (D) – Highly Recommended
O’Brien Vacancy:   Lloyd Brooks (D) – Highly Recommended
Roti Vacancy:    Lorraine Murphy (D) – Highly Recommended

**For Cook County Subcircuit Judge**

Additional Vacancy – 2nd Subcircuit: Chelsey Robinson (D) – Highly Recommended
Additional Vacancy – 2nd Subcircuit: Felicia Simmons-Stovall (D) – Recommended
Flynn Vacancy – 3rd Subcircuit: Regina Mescall (D) – Highly Recommended
Jackson Vacancy – 7th Subcircuit: Kristen Lyons (D) – Recommended
O’Brien Vacancy – 10th Subcircuit: Daniel Trevino (D) – Highly Recommended
Kulys Hoffman Vacancy – 13th Subcircuit: Gary Seyring (R) – Recommended
Bertucci Vacancy – 14th Subcircuit: Gerardo Tristan, Jr. (D) – Recommended
Griffin Vacancy – 15th Subcircuit: Nichole Patton (D) – Recommended

**For Downstate Circuit Judge**

2nd Circuit (Circuitwide): Scott Quinn (R) – Highly Recommended
2nd Circuit (Circuitwide): Matthew Hartrich (R) – Recommended
2nd Circuit (Richland County): Chelsey Clark (R) – Recommended
3rd Circuit (Circuitwide): Steve Stobbs (R) – Highly Recommended
3rd Circuit (Madison County): Amy Maher (R) – Highly Recommended
11th Circuit (Circuitwide): Jason Chambers (R) – Highly Recommended
18th Circuit (DuPage): James McCluskey (R) – Highly Recommended
18th Circuit (DuPage County): Richard Felice (R) – Highly Recommended
18th Circuit (DuPage County): Rick Veenstra (R) – Highly Recommended
18th Circuit (DuPage County): Azam Nizamuddin (D) – Recommended
18th Circuit (DuPage County): Jill Otte (D) – Recommended

(Additional recommendations will be made in the general election and retention contests later in the year. Please visit [www.IllinoisJudges.net](http://www.IllinoisJudges.net) for more information.)