



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT RECALLS TWO RETIRED JUDGES TO SERVE IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Tuesday the temporary recall of two retired judges to the Third Judicial Circuit.

The recalls became necessary when five associate judges in the Third Circuit, which includes Bond and Madison counties, failed to win retention in the 2015 quadrennial reappointment election.

By order of the Supreme Court, retired Associate Judge Ralph Mendelsohn and retired Circuit Judge Lola Maddox have been recalled, effective July 1, 2015 and terminating September 1, 2015.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier recommended to his colleagues that the judges be recalled after receiving a request from Chief Judge David A. Hylla of the Third Judicial Circuit.

Retired Judge Mendelsohn served as an associate judge in Madison County from 2000 until 2009. Following his retirement, Judge Mendelsohn started his own mediation practice, providing mediation and arbitration services in Madison County and the St. Louis area.

Retired Judge Maddox served as an associate judge in Madison County from 1979 to 2004. Upon retirement, she worked as a volunteer attorney for Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation in Alton. Judge Maddox briefly came out of retirement in 2006, when she was reappointed to the Third Circuit to fill the remaining term of a retiring circuit judge.

"Both are experienced and well-respected jurists who, I am confident, will do an excellent job," Justice Karmeier said.

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