



Supreme Court of Illinois

December 17, 2018

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS DENMARK AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE SECOND SUBCIRCUIT OF COOK COUNTY

Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Sondra Denmark as a Cook County Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Subcircuit.

Ms. Denmark was appointed to fill the vacancy created as a result of the retirement of the Hon. Alexander P. White.

The appointment takes effect December 27, 2018, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, following the November 2020 general election.

"This is the greatest honor that has been bestowed upon me and I am truly humbled. The chance to serve the people of Cook County in this capacity is a privilege that I have worked hard to achieve," said Denmark. "I'd like to thank the Honorable Justice Theis, her committee and the Supreme Court for this appointment to the Circuit Court of Cook County."

Ms. Denmark has served as an Assistant State's Attorney for 13 years, spending the last 10 years in the Will County State's Attorney's Office and three years in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office from 2004 to 2007. She has also worked as a solo practitioner.

Justice Theis recommended Ms. Denmark's appointment after candidates were reviewed by bar associations and a special judicial screening committee. Ms. Denmark received qualified or recommended ratings from a dozen bar groups. The special judicial screening committee was established by Justice Theis in 2013 and is co-chaired by retired U.S. District Court Judge Wayne R. Andersen and retired Illinois Appellate Court Judge Michael J. Gallagher.

Ms. Denmark earned her Bachelor of Arts from Governors State University and her *Juris Doctor* from the Northern Illinois University College of Law, and served as President of the Black Law Student Association at NIU Law. She is a member of the Cook County Bar Association.

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