



## Supreme Court of Illinois

December 17, 2018

### **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS TRISTAN AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE FOURTEENTH SUBCIRCUIT OF COOK COUNTY**

Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Gerardo Tristan, Jr. as a Cook County Circuit Judge in the Fourteenth Judicial Subcircuit.

Mr. Tristan was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Hon. Robert Bertucci.

The appointment takes effect January 11, 2019, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, following the November 2020 general election.

"I am honored to have been appointed," Tristan said. "I want to thank Justice Theis, the Court, and the screening committee for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility. I would also like to thank my family who have always supported me and encouraged me throughout my career."

Mr. Tristan has served as an Assistant State's Attorney for 15 years in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where he has served as lead trial counsel on a number of criminal cases before a jury. Prior to his work as a prosecutor he worked in civil litigation and education law.

Justice Theis recommended Mr. Tristan's appointment after candidates were reviewed by bar associations and a special judicial screening committee. Mr. Tristan 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.

Mr. Tristan earned his Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and his *Juris Doctor* from the DePaul University College of Law.

His professional associations include the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Hispanic National Bar Association. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois and as Regional President of the National Hispanic Prosecutors Association.

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