



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS MALONEY LAYTIN AS AT-LARGE CIRCUIT JUDGE OF COOK COUNTY

Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Kerrie Maloney Laytin as an At-Large Cook County Circuit Judge.

Ms. Maloney Laytin was appointed to fill the vacancy created as a result of the retirement of the Hon. Carole K. Bellows.

The appointment takes effect January 18, 2019, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, following the November 2020 general election.

"I am deeply honored to receive an appointment to Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and am grateful to Justice Theis, the Court, and the screening committee for this opportunity," Maloney Laytin said. "I look forward to serving the people of Cook County as a member of the judiciary."

Ms. Maloney Laytin has served in the Appeals Division of the City of Chicago Law Department since 2002. She served as Assistant Corporation Counsel and in 2018 was promoted to Senior Counsel. Previously she was a staff attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation in Chicago, a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, in Washington D.C., and law clerk for the Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and for the Hon. Robert P. Patterson, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Justice Theis recommended Ms. Maloney Laytin's appointment after candidates were reviewed by bar associations and a special judicial screening committee. Ms. Maloney Laytin 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. Maloney Laytin earned her Bachelor of Arts from New York University and her *Juris Doctor* from the Columbia University School of Law.

Her professional associations include the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and Appellate Lawyer's Association. Her civic

work includes serving on the Board of Directors for High Jump, an organization which provides intensive academic support to low-income middle school students.

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