

RECOGNITION OF RETIRED JUDGES

ALLING, Kathleen M. was born June 7, 1950, in Connecticut. She received her law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1977. For the eight years prior to becoming a judge, she was the Jefferson County State's Attorney in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. In 1991, she became an associate judge for the Second Judicial Circuit. Judge Alling retired from the bench November 30, 2008.

BAKER, Reginald H. was born June 29, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from Howard University School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1979. From 1979 - 1982, Judge Baker worked as a military lawyer with the United States Marine Corps. From 1982 - 1988, he served as an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County. He was appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1988. He retained that position until his retirement December 12, 2008.

BARRA, John A. was born February 18, 1949. He received his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1974, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Barra served as an assistant State's Attorney for Peoria County from 1974 - 1980, and served as the Peoria County State's Attorney from 1980 - 1988, when he was elected a circuit judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit. He served as the chief judge for the Tenth Circuit from August 2001, until his term ended in 2006. Judge Barra retired from the bench January 2, 2009.

BEDOYA-WITT, Consuelo was born March 24, 1949, in Lima, Peru. She received her law degree from DePaul University College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1977. Judge Bedoya-Witt served mainly in the private sector, until 1988, when she became the first Hispanic woman in the State of Illinois to become a judge. She served as an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County until retiring from the bench November 7, 2008.

BERNARDI, Donald D. was born May 8, 1951, in Spring Valley, Illinois. He received his law degree from Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1978, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Bernardi served as an assistant State's Attorney for Livingston County from 1978 - 1982, and from 1982 - 1991, he was the State's Attorney for Livingston County. He became an associate judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in 1991. In 1996, he became a circuit judge, and retained that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

BYRON, Nicholas G. was born October 28, 1929, in Lansing, Michigan. He received his law degree from Washington University School of Law in 1958, and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1964. Judge Byron was in private practice until 1972, when he became the Madison County State's Attorney. He became an associate judge for the Third Judicial Circuit in 1981, and a circuit judge in 1989. Judge Byron retired November 30, 2008.

CAMPBELL, Calvin C. was born August 20, 1924. He became a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1977. He joined the First District Appellate Court in 1978. Judge Campbell retired November 30, 2008.

COOGAN, David L. was born January 9, 1943, in Lincoln, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1968. Judge Coogan served in both the public and private sectors prior to joining the bench in 1985, as an associate judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. He was elected a circuit judge in 1998, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

COOK, Robert W. was born November 6, 1943, in Springfield, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1967. Judge Cook served solely in the private sector until becoming a circuit judge in 1983, for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. He was appointed to the Fourth District Appellate Court in 1991, and retained that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

CUNNINGHAM, Abishi C. was born July 15, 1947 in Welch, West Virginia. He received his law degree from the Northwestern University School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1973. Prior to becoming a judge he was in private practice and served as the Cook County State's Attorney. He joined the bench as an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1986, and remained in that position until his retirement March 31, 2009.

DERNBACH, Dennis A. was born April 29, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1974. Immediately prior to becoming a judge he worked as an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County. He was appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1988, and remained in that position until his retirement December 8, 2008.

DOLAN, Francis J. was born March 12, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1972, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Dolan served in both the public and private sectors until being appointed a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1999. He retained that position until his retirement January 30, 2009.

FABIAN, Donald J. was born October 30, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1975, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Fabian served solely in the private sector prior to joining the bench in 1989, as an associate judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 1998, and retained that position until his retirement January 29, 2009.

FERGUSON, Edward C. was born January 12, 1944, in Boston, Massachusetts. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1968. Judge Ferguson served in both the public and private sectors until joining the bench in 1974, as an associate judge for the Third Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 1989, and retained that position until his retirement November 4, 2008.

FOSTER, Don A. was born March 2, 1932, in Ridgeway, Illinois. He received his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School, and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1962. Judge Foster served as a Gallatin County Judge, became an associate judge for the Second Judicial Circuit in 1966, and a circuit judge in 1972. He retired from the bench November 30, 2008.

FOSTER, Terry J. was born October 2, 1948, in Eldorado, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1972, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Foster served solely in the private sector until 1982, when he was appointed an associate judge for the First Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 1988, and also served as chief judge for the First Judicial Circuit. Judge Foster retired November 30, 2008.

GILL, Timothy R. was born June 15, 1947, in Rockford, Illinois. He received his law degree from Marquette University Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1972. Judge Gill served entirely in the private sector until 1989, when he was appointed an associate judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 2000, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

GILLERAN-JOHNSON, Barbara was born September 30, 1952. She received her law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1978, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Gilleran-Johnson has worked for the Illinois Attorney General's Office and as an assistant Lake County State's Attorney. Immediately prior to becoming a judge, she was engaged in private practice. She was appointed an associate judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in 1987, and became a circuit judge in 1996. She was the first female judge in the Lake County Juvenile Court. In 2002, she was elected to the Second District Appellate Court. She remained in the position until her retirement August 13, 2008.

GLOWACKI, Francis W. was born June 6, 1928. He served as an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1971 - 1978. He became a circuit judge in 1978, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

GRAMLICH, Charles J. was born July 20, 1938, in Springfield, Illinois. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1967. Judge Gramlich served with both the Sangamon County and Edgar County State's Attorney's offices, and as an assistant Public Defender for Sangamon County. He was in private practice immediately prior to being appointed an associate judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit in 1999. He retained that position until his retirement April 17, 2009.

GREIMAN, Alan J. was born December 29, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1955. Judge Greiman served in the Illinois General Assembly for fourteen years. He served as the Skokie Village prosecutor during the 1960's. He was appointed a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1987, and later elected in 1988. In January 1991, he was assigned to the First District Appellate Court, a position he remained in until his retirement November 30, 2008.

GROMETER, R. Peter was born February 19, 1946, in Aurora, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1973, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Grometer served solely in the private sector prior to being appointed an associate judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in 1985. He was appointed a circuit judge in 1993, and also served two years as chief judge of the Sixteenth Circuit. He was assigned to the Second District Appellate Court in 2001, and remained in that position until his retirement January 7, 2009.

HAYES, Marsha D. was born November 5, 1947. She received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1985, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Hayes served mainly in the public sector prior to joining the bench as a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1994. She retained her position until her retirement August 31, 2008.

KAVITT, Richard A. was born September 6, 1947, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1973, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Kavitt spent his entire legal career as an assistant Public Defender for Cook County. In 1983, he was appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County. He became a circuit judge in 2006, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

KENNEDY, John Todd was born November 7, 1945. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1972, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Kennedy served as an assistant State's Attorney for Winnebago County, and immediately prior to becoming a judge was in private practice. In 1989, he joined the bench as an associate judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 2006, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

LARSON, Richard J. was born February 27, 1935, in Earlville, Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1961. Judge Larson served solely in the private sector until 1991, when he became an associate judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 2006, and remained in the position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

LECHWAR, Rodney B. was born February 11, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1973, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Lechwar was first assistant Will County State's Attorney until 1985, when he became an

associate judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. He became a circuit judge in 1990, and also served a two-year term as chief judge. Judge Lechwar retired from the bench November 30, 2008.

LEWIS, Loren P. was born March 2, 1942, in Berwyn , Illinois. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1967, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Lewis was special deputy to the Chief Counsel of the U.S. Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama in 1968. In 1969, he served as prosecution and defense counsel for the General Courts Martial by the U.S. Army in Vietnam. From 1972 - 1976, he was Franklin County State's Attorney. Judge Lewis was appointed a circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit in 1978. He retired November 30, 2008.

LIPINSKI, Marcella C. was born June 20, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. She received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1980, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Lipinski was in private practice from 1980 - 1986, and worked as an assistant Public Defender for Cook County from 1986 - 2000. She was elected a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in December of 2000, and remained in that position until her retirement December 31, 2008.

LORZ, Robert C. was born July 7, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1975, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Lorz served in both the public and private sectors until becoming an associate judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in 1987. He became a circuit judge in 2007, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

MEACHAM, Clifford L. was born February 18, 1945, in Des Plaines, Illinois. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1977. Judge Meacham was an assistant Attorney General from 1977 - 1982, and from 1982 - 1988 was an attorney with the U. S. Department of Justice. He joined the bench as an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1989. He remained in that position until his retirement November 14, 2008.

O'MALLEY, Denise M. was born March 15, 1940, in Chicago, Illinois. She received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1981, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge O'Malley served in both the public and private sectors until becoming a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1992. In November 2002, she was elected to the First District Appellate Court. Judge O'Malley retired July 31, 2009.

O'MALLEY, William P. was born January 26, 1944. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1972, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge O'Malley served an assistant Public Defender for Cook County from 1972 - 1975, and from 1975 - 1991 was a criminal defense attorney. He was appointed a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1991, and retained that position until his retirement November 7, 2008.

OTIS-LEWIS, Alexis D. was born July 9, 1951, in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her law degree from Washington University School of Law, and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1984. She has served as an assistant State's Attorney for St. Clair County, and immediately prior to becoming a judge was in private practice. Judge Otis-Lewis joined the bench in 1992, as an associate judge for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. She retired from the bench December 31, 2008.

PANICHI, Thomas P. was born November 4, 1948, in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1973, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Panichi was in private practice for 21 years prior to being elected a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1994. He retained that position until his retirement December 1, 2008.

QUINLIVAN, Robert was born November 24, 1943. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1972. Judge Quinlivan served mainly in the public sector until becoming a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2000. He retired July 1, 2009.

RILEY, Ronald C. was born March 18, 1949. He received his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1977. Judge Riley was an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, and immediately prior to becoming a judge was an assistant Illinois Attorney General. In 1988, he became a circuit judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County. He retained that position until his retirement January 29, 2009.

SESSOMS, Furmin D. was born January 9, 1949. He received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and was admitted to the bar in 1990. Judge Sessoms served in both the public and private sectors. He was appointed a circuit judge in 2007, for the Circuit Court of Cook County. He retired January 9, 2009.

SHIELDS, Karen G. was born September 24, 1952, in Tampa, Florida. She received her law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1980, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Shields served in both the public and private sectors prior to being appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1995. She returned to the private sector in 1996, and was reappointed an associate judge in 1997. She remained in that position until her retirement November 24, 2008.

SOUTH, Leslie was born January 4, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois. She received her law degree from Northwestern University School of Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1978. Judge South was an assistant State's Attorney for Cook County from 1978 - 1982, in private practice from 1982 - 1983, and staff attorney for the Chicago Transit Authority from 1984 - 1988. In 1988, she was appointed an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, and became a circuit judge in 1992. In 1996, she was elected an appellate judge for the First District Appellate Court. Judge South retained that position until her retirement July 15, 2009.

VANDERSNICK, Larry S. was born June 30, 1951, in Geneseo, Illinois. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1977. Judge Vandersnick served as an assistant State's Attorney for Henry County from 1977 - 1982, and then was appointed to the position of State's Attorney, a position he retained until 1994. He was elected a circuit judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in 1994, and remained in that position until his retirement November 30, 2008.

WALLER, Jane D. was born January 27, 1946, in Rapid City, South Dakota. She received her law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1973, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Waller served solely in the private sector until joining the bench in 1981, as the first female associate judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Waller also has the distinction of being the first female circuit judge, and the first female chief circuit judge, for the Nineteenth Circuit. She retired from the bench November 30, 2008.

WEBER, Don W. was born October 19, 1948. He received his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law, and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1975. Judge Weber served as Madison County State's Attorney from 1980 - 1984. He was appointed a circuit judge for the Third Judicial Circuit November 2, 2005. Judge Weber retired October 19, 2008.

WEIR, William H. was born March 16, 1947, in East Orange, New Jersey. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1977, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Weir served solely in the private sector until being appointed an associate judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in 2003. He retired March 16, 2009.

WILSON, William H., Jr. was born May 17, 1949, in Herrin, Illinois. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1974, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Judge Wilson served solely in the private sector until December 1988, when he became an associate judge for the First Judicial Circuit. He retired from the bench July 6, 2009.