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## **CHIEF JUSTICE GARMAN NAMED "PERSON OF THE YEAR" BY CHICAGO LAWYER MAGAZINE**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman has been named the 2013 "Person of the Year" by Chicago Lawyer Magazine.

Published by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, the monthly magazine has bestowed this honor since 1991 "to lawyers and judges with sterling reputations in the legal community and the city and state as a whole." Chief Justice Garman is featured in its December issue.

Chief Justice Garman became the 119<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court on October 28. She is the second woman in Illinois to serve as Chief Justice and the second woman to head one of the three branches of government in Illinois.

In addition to being the longest-serving woman judge in Illinois, Chief Justice Garman is the first Chief Justice to have served in virtually every judicial capacity: Associate Judge, Circuit Judge, Presiding Circuit Judge, Appellate Justice, Presiding Appellate Justice, Supreme Court Justice and now as Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Garman's judicial career began as an associate judge in Vermilion County in 1974. She was elected a Circuit judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit in 1986, and served as Presiding Circuit Judge in Vermilion County from 1987 to 1995, when she was assigned to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District. She was elected to the Appellate Court the following year. Chief Justice Garman was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2001 to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Ben Miller. She was elected to the position in 2002 and was retained in 2012.

Chicago Lawyer Magazine named former Supreme Court Justices Thomas R. Fitzgerald as its "Person of the Year" in 2010 and the late Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow as its "Person of the Year" in 2003.

The article can be found at [www.chicagolawyermagazine.com](http://www.chicagolawyermagazine.com).

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