

APPELLATE COURT

Except for those cases appealed directly to the Supreme Court, a person has the right to request a review of a circuit court judge's decision by the appellate court.

The appellate court is organized into five districts. The first meets in Chicago, the second in Elgin, the third in Ottawa, the fourth in Springfield, and the fifth in Mt. Vernon.

Each district can have one or more divisions. There are six divisions in the first district and one in each of the other four. The Supreme Court assigns judges to the various divisions. The presiding judge of each division assigns judges to panels of three to hear appeals.

The number of appellate court judgeships, currently fifty-two, is determined by the legislature. The Supreme Court can assign additional circuit, appellate or retired judges temporarily to any district.

Judges are elected by voters in each district for ten-year terms, and may be retained for additional ten-year terms. Each judge has a support staff of two law clerks and a secretary.

Each district manages its own operations, subject to the overall authority of the Supreme Court. In the first district (Cook County), an executive committee exercises general administrative authority. This committee elects a chairperson and vice-chairperson for one year. In the other districts, judges select one of their members to serve as presiding judge for one year.

Total Caseload*	Filed	Disposed
2008	7,630	7,925
2007	7,631	7,853
2006	7,838	8,251
2005	8,153	7,884
2004	8,060	8,327

*Totals include Industrial Commission Division Cases

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil* Filed	Civil* Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	4,103	4,170	3,527	3,755
2007	4,000	4,119	3,631	3,734
2006	4,186	4,271	3,652	3,980
2005	4,453	4,569	3,700	3,315
2004	4,334	4,809	3,716	3,518

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Appellate Court Administrative Matters

Annual Meeting: The appellate court held its annual meeting in September 2008 with Judge Mary Kay O'Brien presiding as honorary chair. Forty-four appellate judges attended the meeting. Pursuant to section 15(e) Article VI of the Illinois Constitution, the Illinois Appellate Court selects two appellate judges to serve as regular members and three appellate judges to serve as alternate members on the Illinois Courts Commission. Judge Margaret Stanton McBride (First Judicial District) and Judge Mary W. McDade (Third Judicial District) served as regular members. Judges Susan F. Hutchinson, Sue E. Myerscough, and Richard Goldenhersh were elected as alternate members. Terms of both regular and alternate members pertain to service in 2008. Judge Robert Gordon was selected to serve as the next honorary chair of the Illinois Appellate Court Annual Meeting to be held in 2009.

Administrative Committee: The Appellate Court Administrative Committee studies and recommends improvements to the Illinois Appellate Court. The Committee also plans and sponsors the annual Appellate Court Conference. The Conference was held in September 2008 in Springfield to which fifty-two appellate judges, appellate clerks, and research directors attended. Sessions addressed during the Conference included Challenges to Judicial Independence, Law Schools: Then and Now, The Foundation Issues of the Appellate Process: Jurisdiction, Standard of Review, *Stare Decisis*, and a review of U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court Decisions and panel discussion. The Committee elected Judge Susan F. Hutchinson as Chair to the Committee and Justice Rita B. Garman serves as the liaison officer from the Illinois Supreme Court.

FIRST DISTRICT



APPELLATE JUDGES

DIVISION I

Robert E. Gordon,
Presiding Judge*

Rodolfo Garcia*
Shelvin Louise Marie Hall
Warren D. Wolfson*

DIVISION II

Themis Karnezis,
Presiding Judge*

Joy V. Cunningham
Thomas E. Hoffman ++
Leslie E. South

DIVISION III

Michael J. Murphy,
Presiding Judge

Sharon Johnson Coleman
Mary Jane Theis
Patrick J. Quinn +

DIVISION IV

Sheila M. O'Brien,
Presiding Judge

Michael J. Gallagher
P. Scott Neville, Jr.*
John O. Steele

DIVISION V

James G. Fitzgerald Smith,
Presiding Judge

Margaret O'Mara Frossard*
Michael P. Toomin*
John P. Tully

DIVISION VI

Denise O'Malley,
Presiding Judge

Robert Cahill
Joseph Gordon
Margaret S. McBride

+ chair ++ vice-chair:

Executive Committee;

*circuit judge assigned to
appellate court

First District - Chicago
Michael A. Bilandic Building
(Formerly State of Illinois Building)
Completed in 1924; Remodeled in 1992;
Renamed in 2003
(Holabird & Root/CDB photo)

Steven M. Ravid, Clerk
Marilyn T. Kuhawa, Research Director

Circuit:

Circuit Court of Cook County

District Population:
5,285,107 (2007 est.)

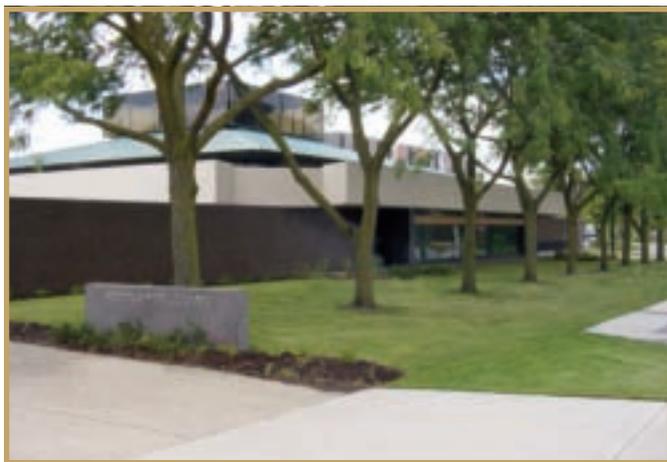
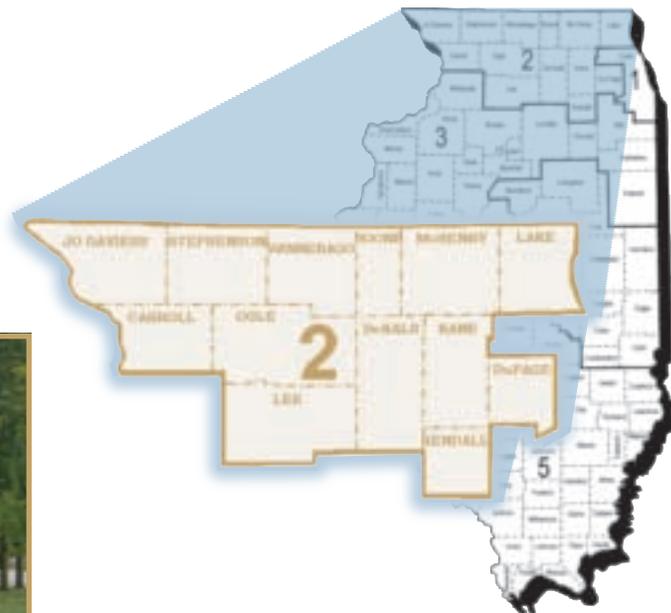
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	2,020	1,987	1,582	1,697
2007	1,820	1,998	1,715	1,808
2006	1,965	1,989	1,768	1,956
2005	2,153	2,227	1,927	1,577
2004	2,017	2,292	1,837	1,669

** Totals do not include Industrial Commission Division Cases

Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2008	5,738
2007	5,589
2006	5,551
2005	5,358
2004	4,820

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SECOND DISTRICT



Second District Courthouse - Elgin
Completed in 1966 (Second District Photo)
55 Symphony Way,
Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 695-3750

Robert J. Mangan, Clerk
Jeffrey H. Kaplan, Research Director

Circuits (Counties):
15th (Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle & Stephenson)
16th (DeKalb, Kane & Kendall)
17th (Boone & Winnebago)
18th (DuPage)
19th (Lake)
22nd (McHenry)

District Population: 3,184,500 (2007 est.)

APPELLATE JUDGES

Kathryn E. Zenoff*, Presiding Judge

John J. Bowman
Michael J. Burke*
R. Peter Grometer*
Susan F. Hutchinson
Ann B. Jorgensen
Robert D. McLaren
Jack O'Malley
Mary S. Schostok

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

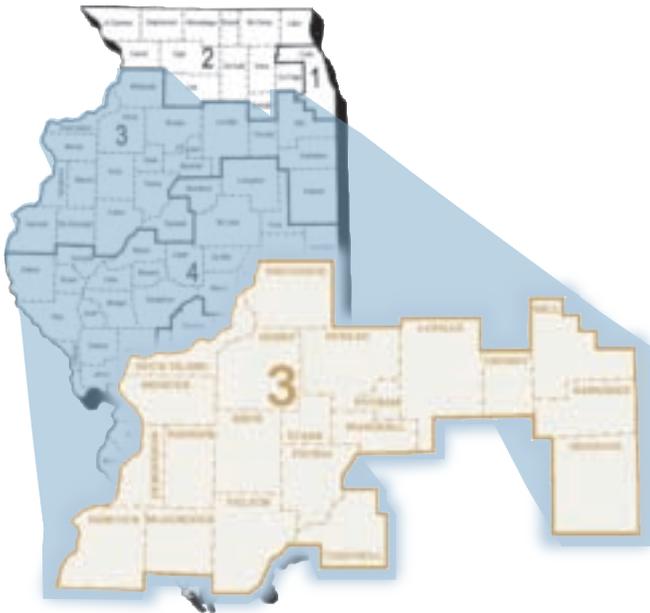
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	633	612	591	620
2007	629	606	659	601
2006	649	629	647	625
2005	697	683	572	548
2004	651	820	606	599

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Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2008	1,689
2007	1,658
2006	1,550
2005	1,471
2004	1,396

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THIRD DISTRICT



Third District Courthouse - Ottawa
 Completed in 1860 (Gist Fleshman Photo)
 1004 Columbus Street,
 Ottawa, IL 61350
 (815) 434-5050

Gist Fleshman, Clerk
Gerald Ursini, Research Director

Circuits (Counties):

- 9th** (Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough & Warren)
- 10th** (Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark & Tazewell)
- 12th** (Will)
- 13th** (Bureau, Grundy & LaSalle)
- 14th** (Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Whiteside)
- 21st** (Iroquois & Kankakee)

District Population: 1,785,773 (2007 est.)

APPELLATE JUDGES

Mary W. McDade, Presiding Judge

- Robert L. Carter
- William E. Holdridge
- Tom M. Lytton
- Mary K. O'Brien
- Daniel Schmidt
- Vicki Wright

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	444	456	578	480
2007	456	445	472	458
2006	477	533	454	513
2005	480	489	417	408
2004	509	513	460	432

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Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2008	988
2007	884
2006	849
2005	950
2004	945

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FOURTH DISTRICT



**Fourth District Courthouse - Springfield
Waterways Building**

Renovated in 2001

(Photo by Terry Farmer Photography, Inc.)

201 West Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62794
(217) 782-2586

Darryl Pratscher, Clerk

Shirley Wilgenbusch, Research Director

Circuits (Counties):

5th (Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar & Vermilion)

6th (Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie & Piatt)

7th (Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

8th (Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Mason, Menard, Pike & Schuyler)

11th (Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean & Woodford)

District Population: 1,292,316 (2007 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	443	554	511	707
2007	533	524	518	607
2006	535	510	540	652
2005	523	546	532	519
2004	507	526	546	536

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APPELLATE JUDGES

John T. McCullough, Presiding Judge

Thomas R. Appleton*

James A. Knecht

Sue E. Myerscough

M. Carol Pope*

Robert J. Steigmann

John W. Turner

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

Total Pending Caseload*

All Case Categories Pending

2008	661
2007	964
2006	1,028
2005	1,090
2004	1,088

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FIFTH DISTRICT



Fifth District Courthouse - Mt. Vernon
 Completed in 1857 (J. Huddleston Photo)
 14th & Main Street,
 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
 (618) 242-3120



APPELLATE JUDGES

James M. Wexstten, Presiding Judge

- Melissa A. Chapman
- James K. Donovan
- Richard P. Goldenhersh
- Stephen L. Spomer*
- Bruce D. Stewart
- Thomas M. Welch

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

Louis E. Costa, Clerk
Vito A. Mastrangelo, Research Director

Circuits (Counties):

- 1st** (Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union & Williamson)
- 2nd** (Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne & White)
- 3rd** (Bond & Madison)
- 4th** (Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery & Shelby)
- 20th** (Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

District Population: 1,304,852 (2007 est.)

Civil and Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2008	364	395	265	251
2007	410	409	267	260
2006	418	460	243	234
2005	461	488	252	263
2004	513	530	267	282

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Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2008	735
2007	752
2006	721
2005	736
2004	756

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