

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-four, 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.

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Caseload*	Filed	Disposed
2011	4,067	4,376	3,614	3,731	2011	7,826	8,286
2010	4,111	4,167	3,542	3,628	2010	7,836	7,962
2009	4,185	4,207	3,545	3,605	2009	7,730	7,812
2008	4,103	4,170	3,527	3,755	2008	7,630	7,925
2007	4,000	4,119	3,631	3,734	2007	7,631	7,853

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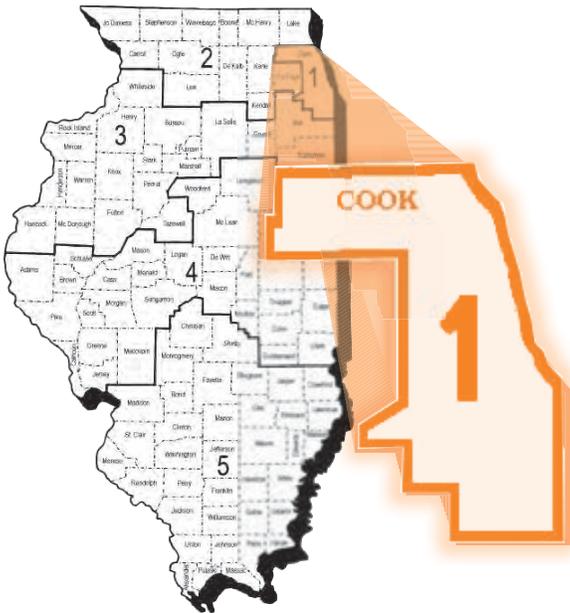
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Appellate Court Administrative Matters

Annual Meeting: The Appellate Court held its annual meeting on September 27, 2011 with Justice Patrick J. Quinn, 1st Appellate District, presiding as honorary chair. Forty-nine appellate justices were in attendance. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 15(e) of the Illinois Constitution, the Illinois Appellate Court selects two appellate justices to serve as regular members and three appellate justices to serve as alternate members of the Illinois Courts Commission. Justice Margaret Stanton McBride (First District) and Justice Thomas R. Appleton (Fourth District) were selected to serve as regular members, with Justice McBride commencing the third year of a second, three-year term, expiring December 2012, and Justice Appleton commencing the second year of a three-year term. Justice Mary S. Schostok (Second District), Justice Mary K. O'Brien (Third District) and Justice Richard P. Goldenhersch (Fifth District) were selected to serve as alternate members to the Commission. Justice Bruce D. Stewart (Fifth District) was selected to serve as the honorary chair of the next Illinois Appellate Court Annual Meeting to be held in the fall of 2012.

Administrative Committee: The Appellate Court Administrative Committee studies and recommends improvements to the Illinois Appellate Court. Additionally, the Committee plans and sponsors the annual Appellate Court Conference. The 2011 Conference hosted forty-nine appellate justices, four appellate clerks and all five research directors, September 27-28, 2011 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Conference presentations included a review and panel discussion of U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court criminal and civil cases, *Professionalism in Opinion Writing*, *Electronic Records on Appeal*, *New Universal Citation Systems*, and *Office Functions*. The Honorable Themis N. Karnezis (First District) served as Chair of the Committee. The Honorable Rita B. Garman served as the liaison from the Illinois Supreme Court.

FIRST DISTRICT



APPELLATE JUDGES

DIVISION I

Thomas E. Hoffman,
Presiding Judge

Shelvin Louise Marie Hall
Themis N. Karnezis*
Mary K. Rochford

DIVISION IV

Terrence J. Lavin,
Presiding Judge

Aurelia Pucinski
James Fitzgerald Smith
David P. Sterba*

DIVISION II

Patrick J. Quinn,
Presiding Judge

Maureen E. Connors*
Joy V. Cunningham
Sheldon A. Harris*

DIVISION V

James R. Epstein,
Presiding Judge

Joseph Gordon
Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.*
Margaret S. McBride +

DIVISION III

John O. Steele,
Presiding Judge

Michael J. Murphy
P. Scott Neville, Jr.*
Marcus R. Salone

DIVISION VI

Robert E. Gordon,
Presiding Judge*

Rodolfo Garcia*
Bertina E. Lampkin*

+ 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)
160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 793-5600

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

Circuit:

Circuit Court of Cook County

District Population:
5,217,080 (2011 est.)

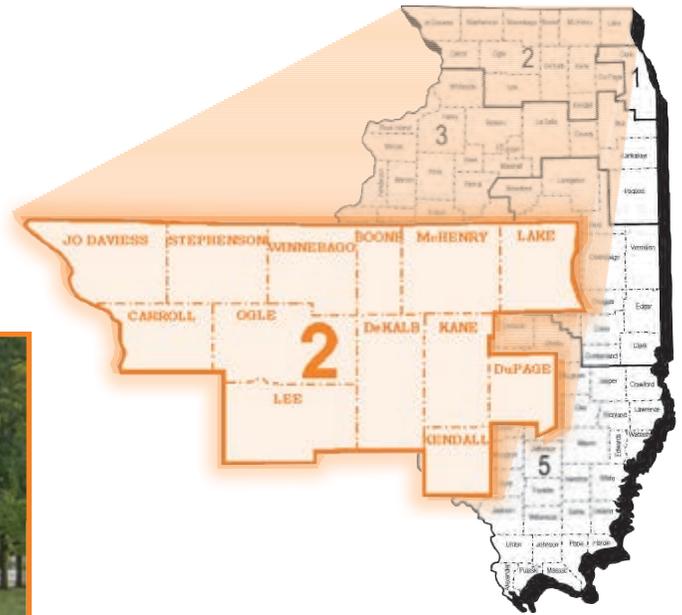
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2011	2,095	2,338	1,683	1,724
2010	2,118	2,095	1,664	1,727
2009	1,941	2,031	1,606	1,663
2008	2,020	1,987	1,582	1,697
2007	1,820	1,998	1,715	1,808

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2011	6,092
2010	6,157
2009	5,835
2008	5,738
2007	5,589

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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: 3,202,413 (2011 est.)

APPELLATE JUDGES

Ann Brackley Jorgensen, Presiding Judge

Joseph E. Birkett
 John J. Bowman
 Michael J. Burke*
 Donald C. Hudson*
 Susan F. Hutchinson
 Robert D. McLaren
 Mary S. Schostok
 Kathryn E. Zenoff*

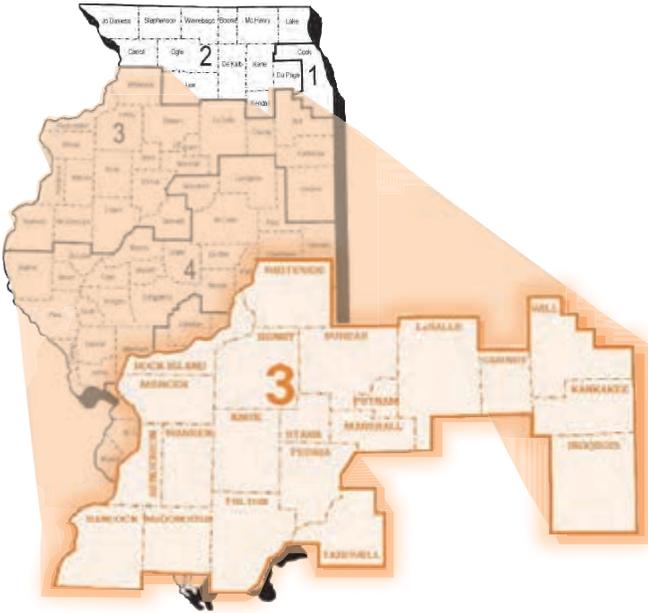
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Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2011	661	720	646	703	2011	1,583
2010	699	741	607	717	2010	1,651
2009	680	653	647	676	2009	1,738
2008	633	612	591	620	2008	1,698
2007	629	606	659	601	2007	1,658

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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

APPELLATE JUDGES

Robert L. Carter, Presiding Judge

William E. Holdridge
 Tom M. Lytton
 Mary W. McDade
 Mary K. O'Brien
 Daniel Schmidt
 Vicki Wright

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)

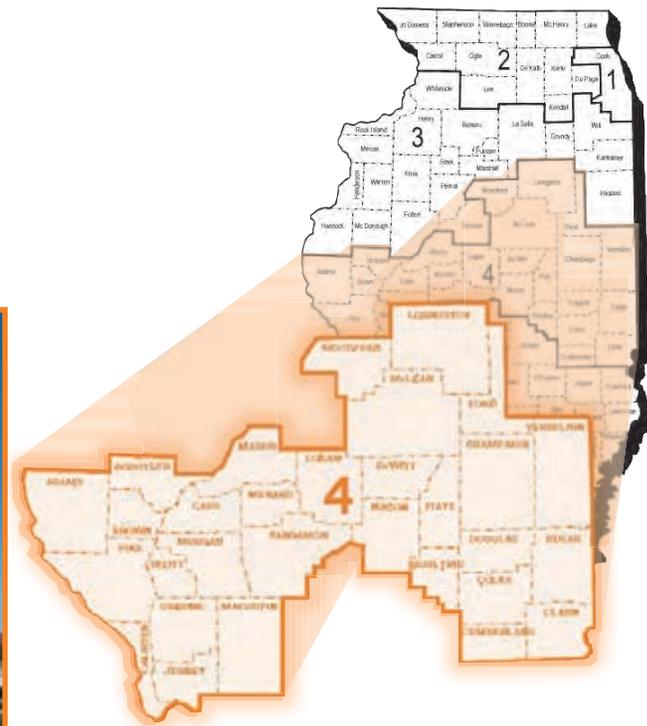
District Population: 1,808,776 (2011 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2011	482	484	444	544	2011	851
2010	460	506	491	509	2010	945
2009	535	501	509	532	2009	1,001
2008	444	456	578	480	2008	988
2007	456	445	472	458	2007	884

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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

Carla Bender, 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: 1,321,609 (2011 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2011	515	476	602	521
2010	473	442	552	459
2009	453	451	510	473
2008	443	554	511	707
2007	533	524	518	607

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John W. Turner, Presiding Judge

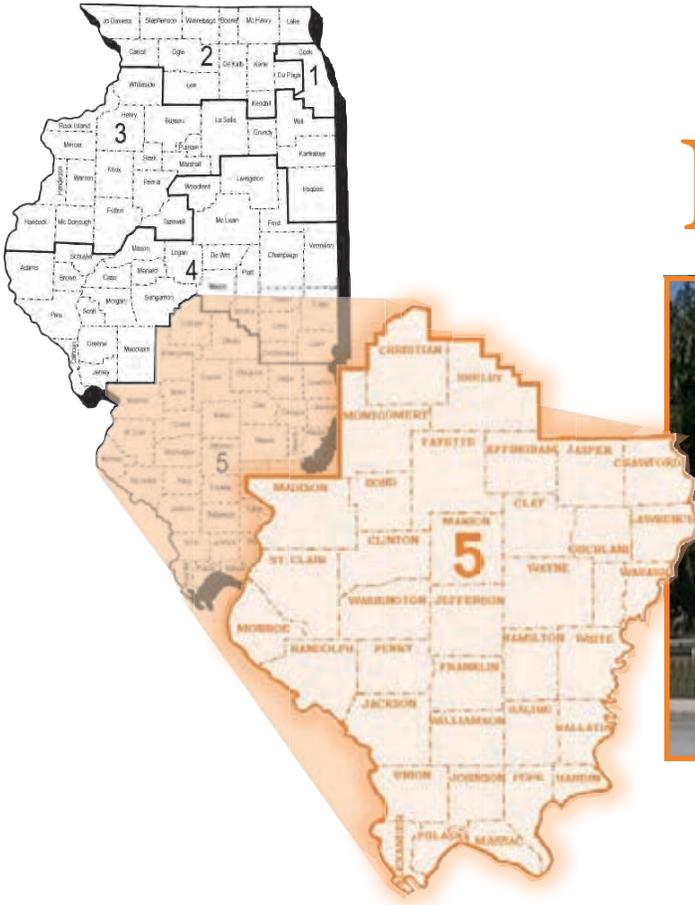
Thomas R. Appleton
 Robert W. Cook
 James A. Knecht
 John T. McCullough
 M. Carol Pope*
 Robert J. Steigmann

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2011	1,001
2010	861
2009	721
2008	661
2007	964

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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 K. Donovan, Presiding Judge

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

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

John J. Flood, Clerk
Michael D. Greathouse, 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: 1,319,379 (2011 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2011	314	358	239	239
2010	361	383	228	216
2009	402	392	273	261
2008	364	395	265	251
2007	410	409	267	260

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2011	692
2010	748
2009	757
2008	735
2007	752

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