

HOW AREA BAR ASSOCIATIONS RATE JUDGE CANDIDATES IN COOK COUNTY RACES

★ ELECTION '20 ★

Are judge candidates qualified? Look here.

Take this chart with you into the polling place — you are allowed to do so — when voting for judges. Or give the chart a close look before voting by mail. As you will see, not every candidate on the judicial ballot deserves your vote on Nov. 3.

As you might also notice, the vast majority of candidates running for open seats on the bench face no competition in this general election. They will win if they're smart enough to just vote for themselves. But a handful of candidates are running in contested races.

Judges running for retention must win at least 60% of the vote — so your choices matter more there.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Mauricio Araujo resigned last week, according to the Judicial Inquiry Board. The Illinois Courts Commission had found there was “clear and convincing evidence” that he engaged in a pattern of inappropriate and harassing behavior toward women.

The Chicago Bar Association rates the candidates based on an investigative process that includes questionnaires and reports on disciplinary actions. After the investigative process, hearings are held. The results are submitted to the CBA's Judicial Evaluation Committee before a secret vote on each candidate.

Other bar associations have their own procedures.

RATINGS KEY

HQ = Highly Qualified; WQ = Well Qualified; Q = Qualified; HR = Highly recommended; R = Recommended; NR = Not recommended; NQ = Not qualified; NE = Not rated through no fault of the candidate.

Bar association key: AABAR: Arab American Bar Association; AABA: Asian American Bar Association; BWLA: Black Women's Lawyer's Association of Illinois; CBA: Chicago Bar Association; CCL: Chicago Council of Lawyers; CCBA: Cook County Bar Association; DSL: Decalogue Society of Lawyers; HBA: Hellenic Bar Association; HLAI: Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois; ISBA: Illinois State Bar Association; LAGBAC: Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago; PRBA: Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois; WBAI: Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

Note: Candidates who do not participate in the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening's evaluation process are rated “NR.”

Illinois Supreme Court

Freeman vacancy P. Scott Neville, Jr.	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	HQ	WQ	HR	R	R	HR	HQ	R	HR	R

Illinois Appellate Court

Neville vacancy Michael B. Hyman	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	HQ	HQ	HR	HR	R	HR	HQ	HR	R	R

Simon vacancy Sharon O. Johnson	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Circuit Court — Countywide

Bellows vacancy Tiesha L. Smith	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Coghlan vacancy Kelly Marie McCarthy	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	HR	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Ford vacancy Laura Ayala-Gonzalez	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	HR	R	R

Funderburk vacancy Celestia L. Mays	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	Q	WQ	HR	R	R	HR	Q	R	HR	R

Larsen vacancy Levander “Van” Smith, Jr.	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Mason vacancy Chris Stacey	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	Q	R	HQ	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

McCarthy vacancy Teresa Molina	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	HR	Q	R	R	R

Murphy Gorman vacancy Sheree Desiree Henry	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

O'Brien vacancy Elizabeth Anne Walsh	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Patti vacancy Lynn Weaver Boyle	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	HQ	Q	R	HR	R	HR	Q	HR	HR	R

Roti vacancy Lorraine Mary Murphy	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	HR	HR	R

C. Sheehan vacancy Maura McMahon Zeller	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	NQ	R	R	R

K. Sheehan vacancy Jill Rose Quinn	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Circuit Court — 1st subcircuit

Brooks vacancy Krista D. Butler	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Crawford vacancy Tyria B. Walton	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	Q	R	HQ	WQ	R	R	R	HR	Q	HR	HR	R

Circuit Court — 2nd subcircuit

"A" vacancy Sondra Nicole Denmark	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	HR	R	R

Circuit Court — 3rd subcircuit

Filan vacancy Daniel Edward Maloney	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R

Flynn vacancy Regina Ann Mescall	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	HQ	Q	R	R	R	NE	HQ	HR	R	R

Murphy vacancy Erin Haggerty Antonietti	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Circuit Court — 6th subcircuit

Nega vacancy Jamie Guerra Dickler	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Pantle vacancy Eileen Marie O'Connor	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	HR	R	R

Circuit Court — 7th subcircuit

Jackson vacancy Pamela Reaves-Harris	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Circuit Court — 8th subcircuit

Fleming vacancy Jonathan Clark Green	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Gubin vacancy Michael A. Forti	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	HR	R

Circuit Court — 9th subcircuit

Axelrood vacancy Thomas M. Cushing	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	HQ	WQ	R	HR	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Luckman vacancy Julie Bess Aimen	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	WQ	R	R	R	R	HQ	R	R	R

Circuit Court — 10th subcircuit

Allen vacancy John G. Mulroe	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	Q	Q	NE	R	R	HR	Q	R	HR	R

McGing vacancy Maire Aileen Dempsey	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	NE	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	HR	Q	R	R

O'Brien vacancy Mary Catherine Marubio	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	HQ	Q	R	HR	R	R	HQ	HR	R	R

Circuit Court — 12th subcircuit

Hanlon vacancy Patricia M. Fallon (D) Frank R. DiFranco (R)	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	HR	Q	R	HR
	R	NE	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	NE	Q	R	R

Circuit Court — 13th subcircuit

Kulys Hoffman vacancy Susanne M. Groebner (D) Gary William Seyring (R)	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	NR	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R
	NE	Q	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Circuit Court — 14th subcircuit

Bertucci vacancy Gerardo Tristan, Jr.	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	R	R	Q	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

Lacy vacancy Pera Tirado	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	R	R	R	NR	Q	R	NR	R	NE	NQ	R	R	NR

Circuit Court — 15th subcircuit

Griffin vacancy Nichole C. Patton	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	NE	Q	R	HQ	Q	R	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R

SHOULD THIS JUDGE BE RETAINED?

Illinois Appellate Court - 1st District

Aurelia Marie Pucinski Mary Katherine Rochford	AABAR	AABA	BWLA	CBA	CCL	CCBA	DSL	HBA	HLAI	ISBA	LAGBAC	PRBA	WBAI
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Cook County Circuit Court

Michael P. Toomin James Patrick Flannery, Jr. Mary Ellen Coghlan Shelley Lynn Sutker-Dermer Patricia Manila Martin Kenneth J. Wadas Gregory J. Wojkowski Robert E. Gordon Lewis Nixon Margaret Ann Brennan Janet Adams Bronsahan Peter A. Felice Kerry M. Kennedy Casandra Lewis Laura Marie Sullivan Raul Vega Michael B. Hyman Joan E. Powell Patrick J. Sherlock Maureen Ward Kirby Edward A. Arce James N. O'Hara Mauricio Araujo Thomas J. Byrne Ann Collins-Dole Donna L. Cooper Anna Helen Demacopoulos Diana L. Kenworthy Pamela Elizabeth Loza Jackie Marie Portman-Brown Dominique C. Ross Kristyna Colleen Ryan Debra B. Walker Ursula Walowski Anthony C. Tony Kyriakopoulos Caroline Kate Moreland Thomas J. Carroll Cynthia Y. Cobbs Daniel J. Kubasiak Andrea M. Buford Pamela McLean Meyerson Chris Lawler John Michael Allegretti Kristol Rivers Steven G. Watkins Abbey Fishman Romanek William B
