



Supreme Court of Illinois

July 25, 2019

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS MOLINA AS AT-LARGE CIRCUIT JUDGE OF COOK COUNTY

Justice Anne M. Burke and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Teresa Molina as an At-Large Cook County Circuit Judge.

The appointment is effective July 24, 2019, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, following the November 2020 general election.

“The qualities that you have demonstrated throughout your career in public service – your demeanor, your empathy, your intelligence – are exactly what we need,” Justice Burke said. “These gifts have led you to this moment; lifted you to success and this high achievement in your career.”

Ms. Molina has served as Chief of Real Estate Prosecutions for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation since 2016. In that role, she supervises a team of seven that prosecutes violations of licensing laws in real estate, appraisals, home inspections, auctions and community association managers. She served as an Assistant State’s Attorney for the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office for 15 years, spending 2009 to 2016 in the Felony Trial Division where she managed a caseload of over 300 felony cases and prosecuted 27 felony jury trials.

Justice Burke recommended Ms. Molina's appointment after candidates were reviewed by bar associations and a special judicial screening committee. Ms. Molina was rated qualified by the Chicago Bar Association and highly qualified by the screening committee. The special judicial screening committee is chaired by Kevin M. Forde, Esq.

Ms. Molina earned her Bachelor of Science from Ashland University and her *Juris Doctor* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She was the recipient of The Ohio State University 2000 Hispanic Leadership Award.

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