

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.

Appellate Court Administrative Matters

Annual Meeting: The appellate court held its annual meeting in September 2006 with Judge Susan F. Hutchinson presiding as honorary chair. Forty 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. Judges Margaret Stanton McBride and Robert E. Byrne served as regular members. Judges Daniel L. Schmidt, Susan E. Myerscough, and Stephen F. McGlynn were elected as alternate members. Terms of both regular and alternate members pertain to service in 2006. Judge Themis Karnesis was selected to serve as the next honorary chair of the Illinois Appellate Court Annual Meeting to be held in 2007.

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 Conference was held in September 2006 in Springfield to which forty-nine appellate judges, appellate clerks, and research directors attended. Sessions addressed during the Conference included *Using the Illinois State Constitution in Decision-Making, Standards of Review, Mediation Update in the First District*, and review and discussion of U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court Decisions. The judges also elected one new member and three alternates to the Illinois Courts Commission. Judge Tom Lytton serves as Chair to the Committee and Justice Rita B. Garman serves as the liaison officer from the Illinois Supreme Court.

Total Caseload*

	Filed	Disposed
2006	7,838	8,251
2005	8,153	7,884
2004	8,060	8,327
2003	8,184	9,027
2002	8,290	9,419

*Totals include Industrial Commission Division Cases

Civil & Criminal Caseloads

	Civil*		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
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
2003	4,520	4,765	3,664	4,262
2002	4,479	4,759	3,811	4,660

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FIRST DISTRICT



Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 North LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL (60601)
(312) 793-5600

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

APPELLATE JUDGES

DIVISION I

Margaret S. McBride,
Presiding Judge
 Robert Cahill
 Rodolfo Garcia*
 Robert E. Gordon*

DIVISION IV

Patrick J. Quinn,
Presiding Judge
 Calvin C. Campbell
 Michael J. Murphy
 P. Scott Neville, Jr.*

DIVISION II

Warren D. Wolfson*,
Presiding Judge
 Shelvin Louise Marie Hall
 Thomas E. Hoffman++
 Leslie E. South

DIVISION V

Sheila M. O'Brien,
Presiding Judge
 Michael J. Gallagher
 Margaret O'Mara
 Frossard*
 John P. Tully

DIVISION III

Mary Jane Theis,
Presiding Judge
 Joy V. Cunningham
 Alan J. Greiman*+
 Themis Karnezis*

DIVISION VI

James G. Fitzgerald
Smith,
Presiding Judge
 Joseph Gordon
 Jill K. McNulty
 Denise O'Malley

+ 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

Circuit:

Circuit Court of Cook County

District Population:

5,288,655 (2006 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads

	Civil**		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
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
2003	2,102	2,165	1,641	2,135
2002	2,079	2,178	1,772	2,533

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories

	Pending
2006	5,551
2005	5,358
2004	4,820
2003	4,691
2002	4,924

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SECOND DISTRICT

Appellate Court Building
 55 Symphony Way
 Elgin, IL (60120)
 (847) 695-3750

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

APPELLATE JUDGES

R. Peter Grometer*, Presiding Judge

John J. Bowman
 Susan F. Hutchinson
 Robert E. Byrne*
 Frederick J. Kapala*
 Thomas E. Callum
 Jack O'Malley
 Barbara Gilleran Johnson
 Robert D. McLaren

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories

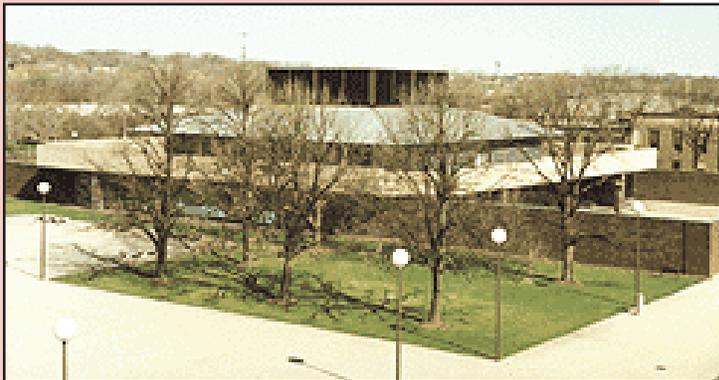
	Pending
2006	1,550
2005	1,471
2004	1,396
2003	1,524
2002	1,590

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Civil & Criminal Caseloads

	Civil**		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
2006	649	629	647	625
2005	697	683	572	548
2004	651	820	606	599
2003	754	790	662	747
2002	717	813	671	675

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Second District Courthouse - Elgin

Completed in 1966 (C. Jane Bradley photo)

Circuits (Counties):

15th (Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle & Stephenson)

16th (DeKalb, Kane & Kendall)

17th (Boone & Winnebago)

18th (DuPage)

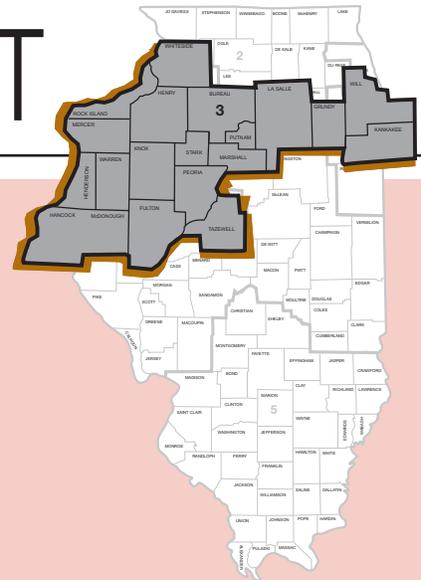
19th (Lake)

22nd (McHenry)

District Population:

3,164,947 (2006 est.)

THIRD DISTRICT



Appellate Court Building
1004 Columbus Street
Ottawa, IL (61350)
(815) 434-5050

Gist Fleshman, Clerk
Gerald Ursini, Research Director

APPELLATE JUDGES

Daniel Schmidt, Presiding Judge

Robert L. Carter
William E. Holdridge
Tom Lytton
Mary W. McDade
Mary K. O'Brien
Vicki Wright

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories

	Pending
2006	849
2005	950
2004	945
2003	1,012
2002	999

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Civil & Criminal Caseloads

	Civil**		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
2006	477	533	454	513
2005	480	489	417	408
2004	509	513	460	432
2003	522	496	499	507
2002	478	471	539	540

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Third District Courthouse - Ottawa
Completed in 1860 (Gist Fleshman photo)

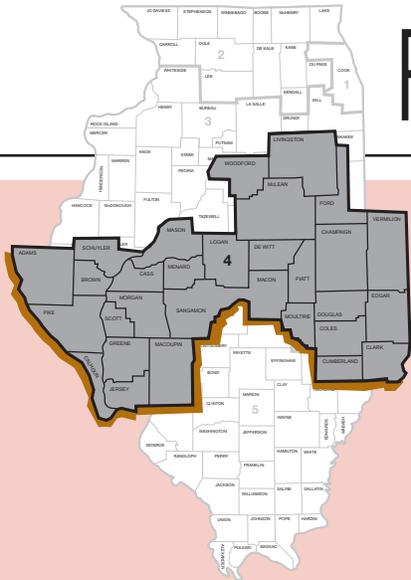
Circuits (Counties):

- 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 (Kankakee & Iroquois)

District Population:

1,781,331 (2006 est.)

FOURTH DISTRICT



Waterways Building
 201 W. Monroe St.
 Springfield, IL (62704)
 (217) 782-2586

Darryl Pratscher, Clerk
 Shirley Wilgenbusch, Research Director

APPELLATE JUDGES

Robert J. Steigmann, Presiding Judge

- Thomas R. Appleton*
- John T. McCullough
- Robert W. Cook
- Sue E. Myerscough
- James A. Knecht
- John W. Turner

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court



**Fourth District Courthouse -Springfield
 Waterways Building**

Renovated in 2001
 (photo by Terry Farmer Photography, Inc.)

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:

1,290,029 (2006 est.)

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories

	Pending
2006	1,028
2005	1,090
2004	1,088
2003	1,093
2002	1,088

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Civil & Criminal Caseloads

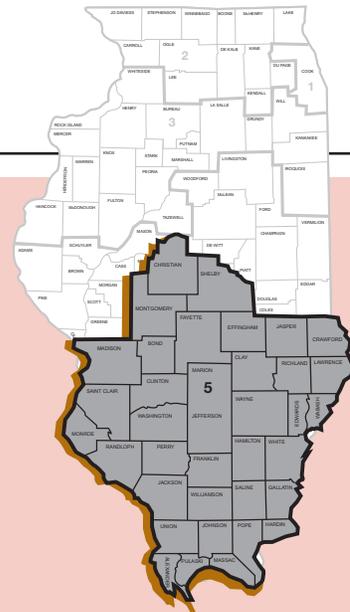
	Civil**		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
2006	535	510	540	652
2005	523	546	532	519
2004	507	526	546	536
2003	506	586	566	513
2002	552	635	503	568

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FIFTH DISTRICT

Appellate Court Building
14th & Main Street
Mt. Vernon, IL (62864)
(618) 242-3120

Louis E. Costa, Clerk
James Sanders, Research Director



APPELLATE JUDGES

Thomas M. Welch, Presiding Judge

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

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories

	Pending
2006	721
2005	736
2004	756
2003	768
2002	894

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Civil & Criminal Caseloads

	Civil**		Criminal	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
2006	418	460	243	234
2005	461	488	252	263
2004	513	530	267	282
2003	485	584	296	360
2002	509	522	326	344

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Fifth District Courthouse - Mt. Vernon

Completed in 1857 (John J. Flood photo)

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:

1,306,942 (2006 est.)