

# 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
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
2006	4,186	4,271	3,652	3,980	2006	7,838	8,251

\*\*Totals do not include Industrial Commission Division Cases

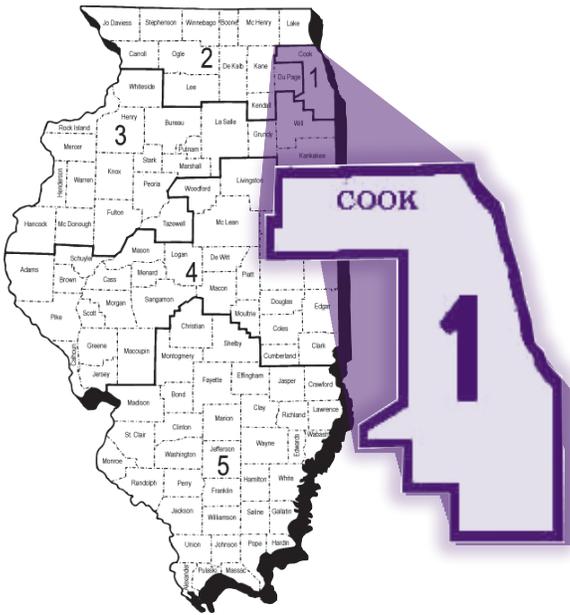
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## Appellate Court Administrative Matters

**Annual Meeting:** The Appellate Court held its annual meeting on September 27, 2010 with Justice Thomas R. Appleton presiding as honorary chair. Forty-two appellate justices attended the meeting. 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 Mary W. McDade (Third District) served as regular members, with Justice McBride commencing a second, three-year term, expiring December 2012. A vacancy was created by the December 2010 term expiration of Justice Mary W. McDade and Justice Thomas R. Appleton (Fourth District) was nominated to serve as a regular member. Justices Mary S. Schostok, Daniel L. Schmidt and Richard P. Goldenhersch were elected as alternate members. Justice Patrick J. Quinn was selected to serve as the next honorary chair of the Illinois Appellate Court Annual Meeting to be held in the fall of 2011.

**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 2010 Conference hosted forty-two appellate justices, five appellate clerks and three research directors on September 27-28, 2010 in Springfield, Illinois. Sessions addressed during the Conference included a presentation and panel discussion entitled *U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court Review of Criminal and Civil matters*, as well as a discussion of Standards of Review. The Hon. Themis N. Karnezis served as Chair of the Committee. The Hon. Rita B. Garman served as the liaison from the Illinois Supreme Court.

# FIRST DISTRICT



## APPELLATE JUDGES

### DIVISION I

**Shelvin Louise Marie Hall,**  
**Presiding Judge**

Thomas E. Hoffman+  
Bertina E. Lampkin\*  
Mary K. Rochford

### DIVISION IV

**Michael J. Gallagher,**  
**Presiding Judge**

Terrence J. Lavin  
Sheila M. O'Brien  
Aurelia Pucinski

### DIVISION II

**Joy V. Cunningham,**  
**Presiding Judge**

Maureen E. Connors\*  
Sheldon A. Harris\*  
Themis N. Karnezis\*

### DIVISION V

**James Fitzgerald Smith,**  
**Presiding Judge**

Joseph Gordon  
Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.\*  
James R. Epstein

### DIVISION III

**Patrick J. Quinn,**  
**Presiding Judge**

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

### DIVISION VI

**Rodolfo Garcia,**  
**Presiding Judge\***

Robert Cahill++  
Robert E. 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)  
**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:**  
5,194,675 (2010 census)

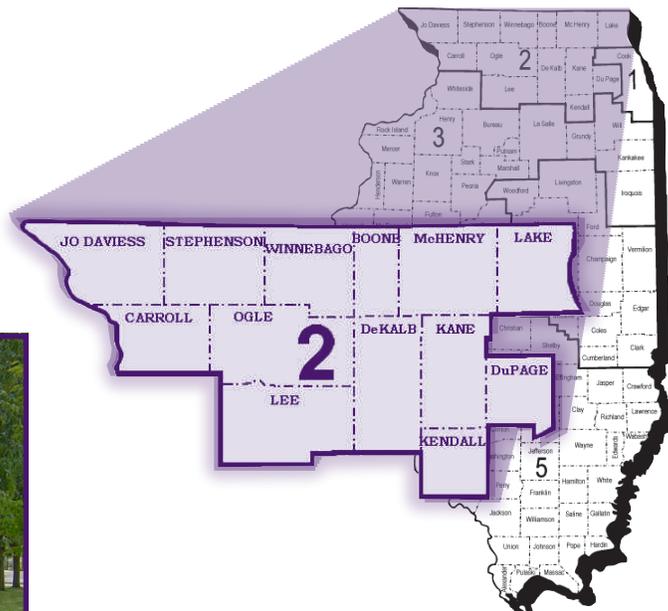
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2010	2,118	2,095	1,664	1,727
2009	1,941	2,031	1,606	1,663
2008	2,020	1,987	1,582	1,697
2007	1,820	1,998	1,715	1,808
2006	1,965	1,989	1,768	1,956

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2010	6,157
2009	5,835
2008	5,738
2007	5,589
2006	5,551

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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: 3,189,046 (2010 census)

## 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\*

\*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

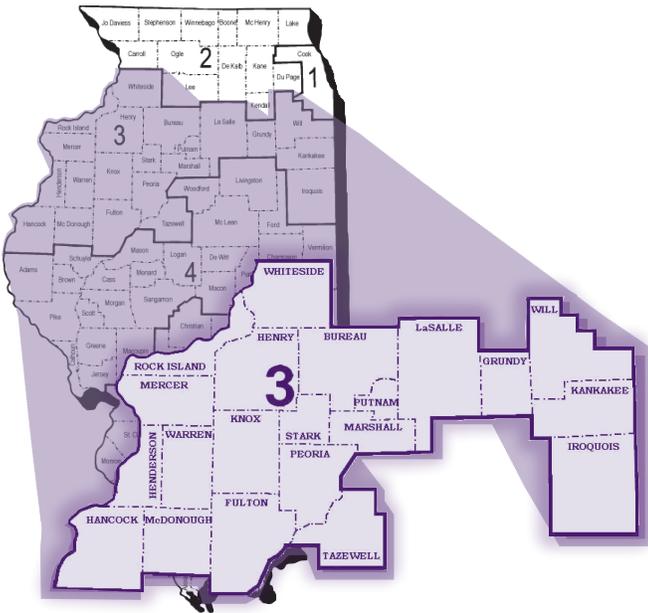
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2010	699	741	607	717
2009	680	653	647	676
2008	633	612	591	620
2007	629	606	659	601
2006	649	629	647	625

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2010	1,651
2009	1,738
2008	1,698
2007	1,658
2006	1,550

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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: 1,805,926 (2010 census)**

## APPELLATE JUDGES

**William E. Holdridge, Presiding Judge**

- Robert L. Carter
- Tom M. Lytton
- Mary W. McDade
- Mary K. O'Brien
- Daniel Schmidt
- Vicki Wright

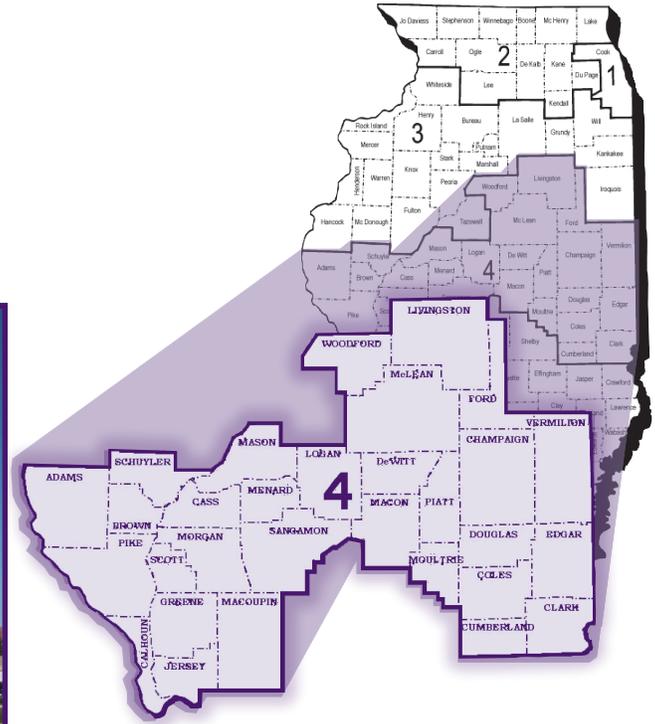
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2010	460	506	491	509
2009	535	501	509	532
2008	444	456	578	480
2007	456	445	472	458
2006	477	533	454	513

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2010	945
2009	1,001
2008	988
2007	884
2006	849

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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: 1,320,113 (2010 census)**

## APPELLATE JUDGES

**James A. Knecht, Presiding Judge**

- Thomas R. Appleton
- John T. McCullough
- Sue E. Myerscough
- M. Carol Pope\*
- Robert J. Steigmann
- John W. Turner

\*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

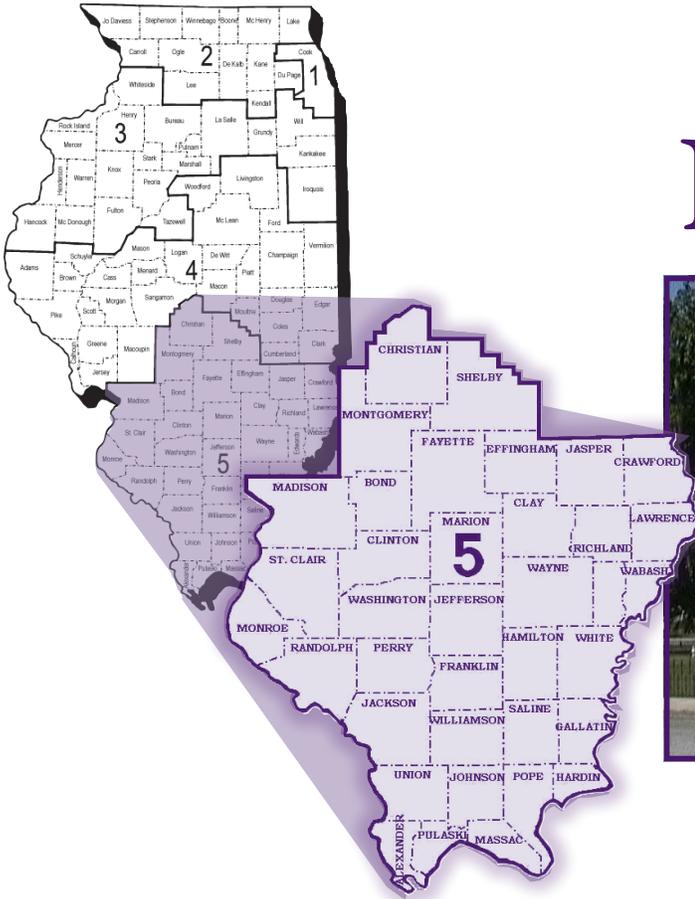
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2010	473	442	552	459
2009	453	451	510	473
2008	443	554	511	707
2007	533	524	518	607
2006	535	510	540	652

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories		Pending
2010		861
2009		721
2008		661
2007		964
2006		1,028

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# FIFTH DISTRICT



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



## APPELLATE JUDGES

**Melissa A. Chapman, Presiding Judge**

- James K. Donovan
- 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**  
**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: 1,320,872 (2010 census)**

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2010	361	383	228	216
2009	402	392	273	261
2008	364	395	265	251
2007	410	409	267	260
2006	418	460	243	234

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2010	748
2009	757
2008	735
2007	752
2006	721

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