

# 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, second in Elgin, third in Ottawa, 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-three, 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
2012	4,273	4,180	3,635	3,740	2012	8,079	8,062
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

\*\*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 October 1, 2012 with Justice Bruce D. Stewart, 5<sup>th</sup> Appellate District, presiding as honorary chair. Forty 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 alternative members of the Illinois Courts Commission. Justice Margaret Stanton McBride (First District) and Justice Thomas R. Appleton (Fourth District) were approved to serve as regular members, with Justice McBride commencing the first year of a third, three-year term, expiring December 2013 and Justice Appleton commencing the third year of his first three-year term, ending December 2013. 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, for a one year term ending December 2013. Justice Robert E. Gordon (First District) was selected to serve as the honorary chair of the next Annual Meeting of the Illinois Appellate Court to be held October 7, 2013.

**Administrative Committee:** The Appellate Court Administrative Committee was created to study and recommend improvements to the Illinois Appellate Court. Additionally, the Committee plans the Annual Meeting of the Appellate Court and develops the curriculum for the annual Appellate Court Conference. The 2012 Conference, held October 1-2, 2012 in Springfield at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, hosted forty appellate justices, all five Clerks of the Appellate Court and four of the five Research Directors. The Conference address was delivered by the Honorable Rita B. Garman, Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois. Conference presentations included a review and panel discussion of U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court criminal and civil cases, and a presentation on *Threat Recognition and Protocols for Reporting Threats*. The Honorable Themis N. Karnezis (First District) served as Chair of the Committee. The Honorable Rita B. Garman, serves as the Committee liaison from the Illinois Supreme Court.



# FIRST DISTRICT



## APPELLATE JUDGES

### DIVISION I

**Thomas E. Hoffman,**  
**Presiding Judge**  
 Joy V. Cunningham  
 Mathias W. Delort  
 Mary K. Rochford

### DIVISION IV

**Terrence J. Lavin,**  
**Presiding Judge**  
 Aurelia Pucinski  
 James Fitzgerald Smith+  
 James R. Epstein

### DIVISION II

**Sheldon A. Harris,**  
**Presiding Judge\***  
 Maureen E. Connors  
 Patrick J. Quinn  
 John B. Simon

### DIVISION V

**Margaret S. McBride,**  
**Presiding Judge++**  
 Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.  
 Stuart E. Palmer \*  
 W. Taylor

### DIVISION III

**P. Scott Neville, Jr.,**  
**Presiding Judge**  
 John O. Steele  
 David P. Sterba \*

### DIVISION VI

**Bertina E. Lampkin,**  
**Presiding Judge\***  
 Robert E. Gordon \*  
 Shelvin Louise Marie Hall  
 Jesse G. Reyes

+ 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:**  
 5,231,351 (2012 est.)

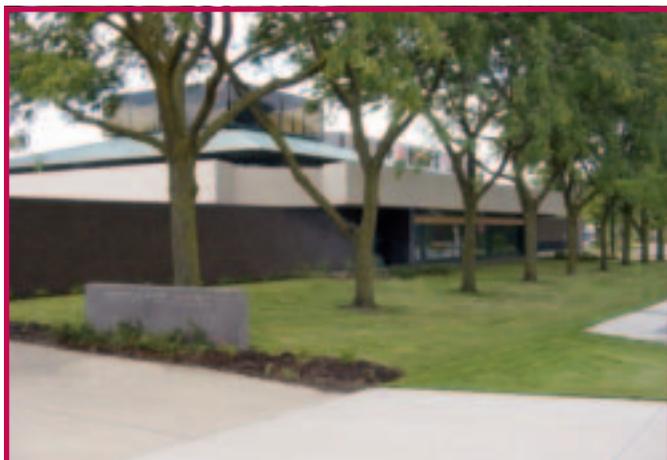
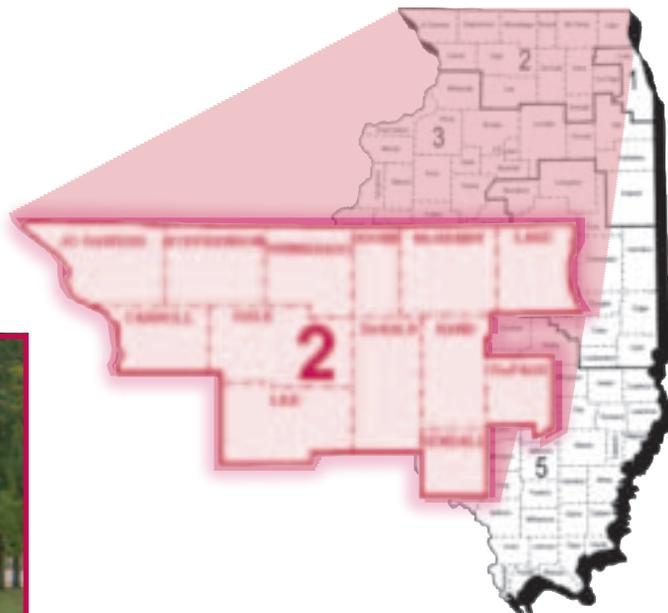
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2012	2,142	2,037	1,622	1,627
2011	2,095	2,338	1,683	1,724
2010	2,118	2,095	1,664	1,727
2009	1,941	2,031	1,606	1,663
2008	2,020	1,987	1,582	1,697

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2012	4,453
2011	6,092
2010	6,157
2009	5,835
2008	5,738

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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 (Kane)  
 17th (Boone & Winnebago)  
 18th (DuPage)  
 19th (Lake)  
 22nd (McHenry)  
 23rd (DeKalb & Kendall)

District Population: 3,201,961 (2012 est.)

## APPELLATE JUDGES

**Michael J. Burke, Presiding Judge\***

Joseph E. Birkett  
 Donald C. Hudson\*  
 Susan F. Hutchinson  
 Ann Brackley Jorgensen  
 Robert D. McLaren  
 Mary S. Schostok  
 Robert B. Spence\*  
 Kathryn E. Zenoff\*

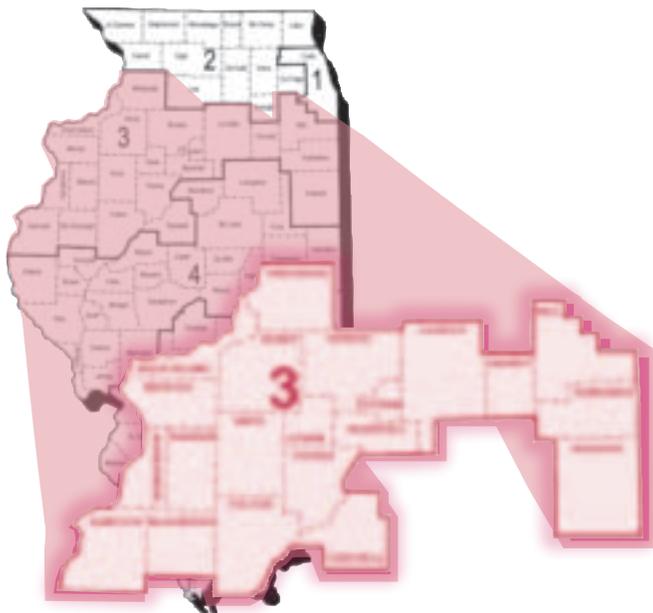
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Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2012	743	708	662	695	2012	1,236
2011	661	720	646	703	2011	1,583
2010	699	741	607	717	2010	1,651
2009	680	653	647	676	2009	1,738
2008	633	612	591	620	2008	1,698

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# THIRD DISTRICT



## APPELLATE JUDGES

**Daniel L. Schmidt, Presiding Judge**

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

**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)

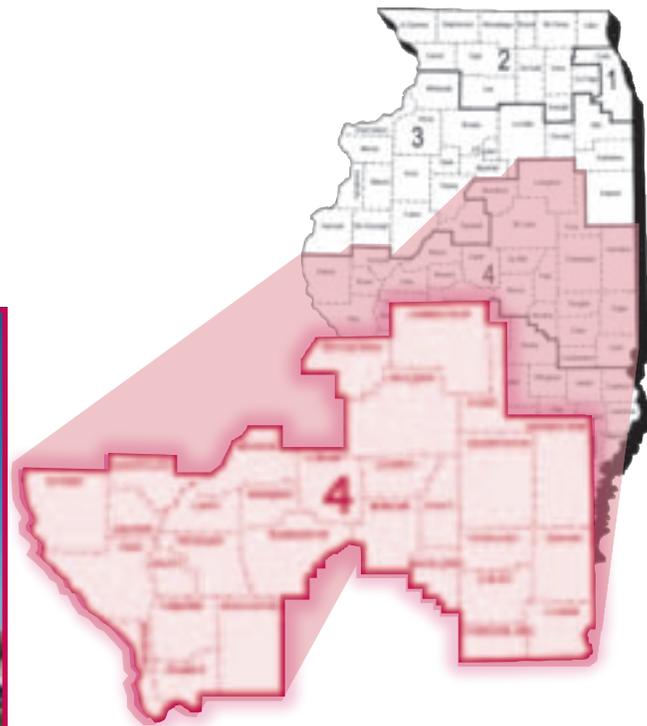
**District Population: 1,806,514 (2012 est.)**

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2012	502	498	537	535	2012	861
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

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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:** 1,321,451 (2012 est.)

## APPELLATE JUDGES

**Robert J. Steigmann, Presiding Judge**

Thomas R. Appleton  
 James A. Knecht  
 M. Carol Pope  
 John W. Turner

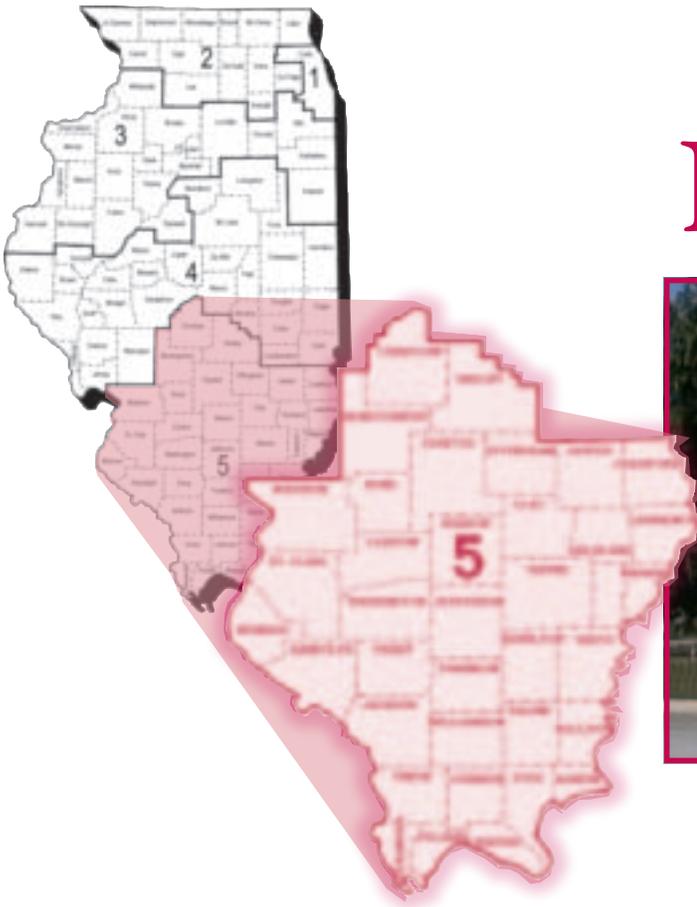
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2012	565	566	578	631
2011	515	476	602	521
2010	473	442	552	459
2009	453	451	510	473
2008	443	554	511	707

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories		Pending
2012		956
2011		1,001
2010		861
2009		721
2008		661

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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

**Stephen L. Spomer, Presiding Judge\***

Judy Lynn Cates  
 Melissa A. Chapman  
 Richard P. Goldenhersh  
 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: 1,313,978 (2012 est.)**

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2012	321	371	236	252
2011	314	358	239	239
2010	361	383	228	216
2009	402	392	273	261
2008	364	395	265	251

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2012	637
2011	692
2010	748
2009	757
2008	735

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