

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.

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed	Total Caseload*	Filed	Disposed
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
2005	4,453	4,569	3,700	3,315	2005	8,153	7,884

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Appellate Court Administrative Matters

Annual Meeting: The Appellate Court held its annual meeting October 6, 2009 with Justice Robert E. Gordon presiding as honorary chair. Fifty-one 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 alternative 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. Justices Mary S. Schostok, Susan E. Myerscough, and Richard P. Goldenhersch were elected as alternate members. Terms of both regular and alternate members pertain to service in 2010. Justice Thomas R. Appleton was selected to serve as the next honorary chair of the Illinois Appellate Court Annual Meeting to be held September 28, 2010.

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 2009 Conference hosted fifty-one appellate justices, five appellate clerks, and five research directors on October 5-7 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Sessions addressed during the Conference included *Jumping the Retirement Hurdle*, *The Founders and Their Constitution*, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*, *Religion and the Founders*, *Models of Religious Liberty in the Founding Era*, and *The Original Understanding of the First Amendment*, along with a review and panel discussion of U.S. and Illinois Supreme Court decisions. The Hon. Themis N. Karnezis serves as Chair of the Committee. The Hon. Rita B. Garman serves as the liaison officer from the Illinois Supreme Court.

FIRST DISTRICT



APPELLATE JUDGES

DIVISION I

Shelvin Louise Marie Hall,
Presiding Judge
 Rodolfo Garcia*
 Bertina E. Lampkin*
 Sebastian T. Patti*

DIVISION IV

Margaret J. O'Mara Frossard,
Presiding Judge*
 Michael J. Gallagher+
 P. Scott Neville, Jr.*
 Sheila M. O'Brien

DIVISION II

Joy V. Cunningham,
Presiding Judge
 Thomas E. Hoffmann
 Themis N. Karnezis*
 Mary Jane Theis

DIVISION V

Michael P. Toomin,
Presiding Judge*
 Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr.*
 James Fitzgerald Smith
 John P. Tully

DIVISION III

Michael J. Murphy,
Presiding Judge
 Sharon Johnson Coleman
 Patrick J. Quinn
 John O. Steele

DIVISION VI

Robert Cahill,
Presiding Judge
 Joseph Gordon
 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:
 5,287,037 (2009 est.)

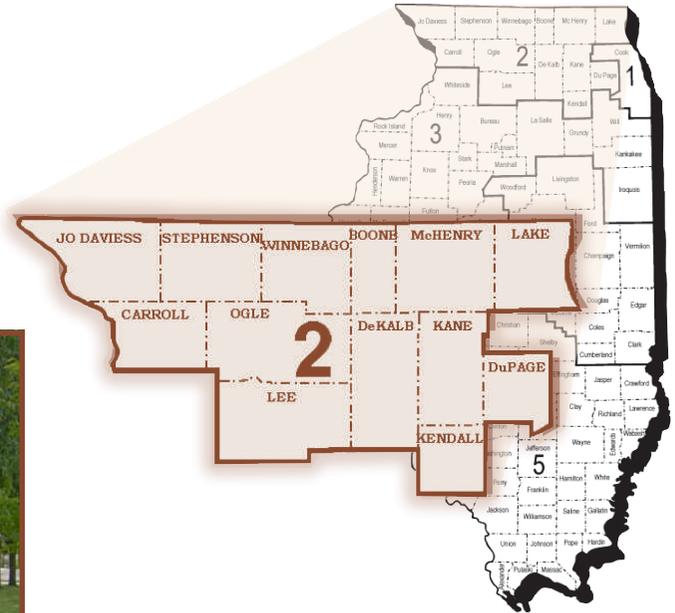
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2009	2,013	2,088	1,606	1,663
2008	2,020	1,987	1,582	1,697
2007	1,820	1,998	1,715	1,808
2006	1,965	1,989	1,768	1,956
2005	2,153	2,227	1,927	1,577

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2009	5,835
2008	5,738
2007	5,589
2006	5,551
2005	5,358

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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: 3,218,368 (2009 est.)

APPELLATE JUDGES

Kathryn E. Zenoff*, Presiding Judge

John J. Bowman
Michael J. Burke*
Donald C. Hudson*
Susan F. Hutchinson
Ann B. Jorgensen
Robert D. McLaren
Jack O'Malley
Mary S. Schostok

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

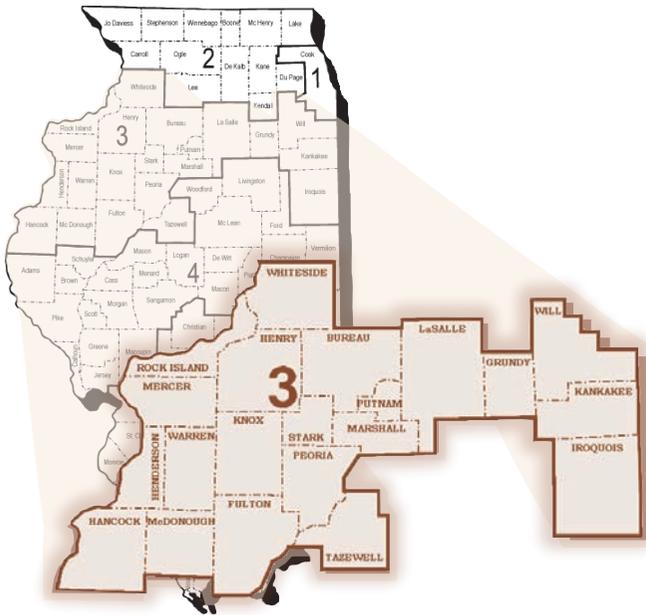
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2009	716	688	647	676
2008	633	612	591	620
2007	629	606	659	601
2006	649	629	647	625
2005	697	683	572	548

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Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2009	1,738
2008	1,698
2007	1,658
2006	1,550
2005	1,471

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THIRD DISTRICT



APPELLATE JUDGES

Mary K. O'Brien, Presiding Judge

Robert L. Carter
 William E. Holdridge
 Tom M. Lytton
 Mary W. McDade
 Daniel Schmidt
 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: 1,802,355 (2009 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2009	555	526	509	532
2008	444	456	578	480
2007	456	445	472	458
2006	477	533	454	513
2005	480	489	417	408

Total Pending Caseload*	
All Case Categories	Pending
2009	1,001
2008	988
2007	884
2006	849
2005	950

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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

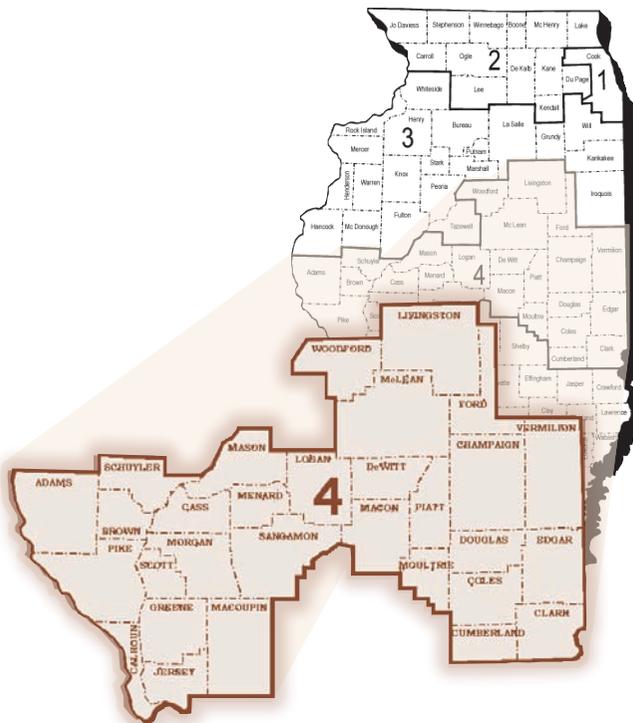
Carla Bender, Clerk

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: 1,298,194 (2009 est.)



APPELLATE JUDGES

Sue E. Myerscough, Presiding Judge

- Thomas R. Appleton*
- James A. Knecht
- John T. McCullough
- M. Carol Pope*
- Robert J. Steigmann
- John W. Turner

*circuit judge assigned to appellate court

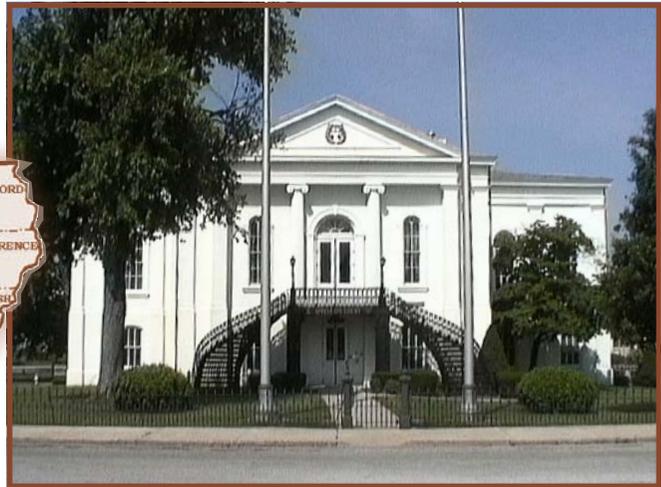
Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2009	470	480	510	473
2008	443	554	511	707
2007	533	524	518	607
2006	535	510	540	652
2005	523	546	532	519

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Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2009	721
2008	661
2007	964
2006	1,028
2005	1,090

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FIFTH DISTRICT



Fifth District Courthouse - Mt. Vernon
 Completed in 1857 (J. Huddlestone Photo)
 14th & Main Street
 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
 (618) 242-3120



APPELLATE JUDGES

Richard P. Goldenhersh, Presiding Judge

- Melissa A. Chapman
- James K. Donovan
- 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: 1,304,455 (2009 est.)

Civil & Criminal Caseloads	Civil** Filed	Civil** Disposed	Criminal Filed	Criminal Disposed
2009	431	425	273	261
2008	364	395	265	251
2007	410	409	267	260
2006	418	460	243	234
2005	461	488	252	263

Total Pending Caseload* All Case Categories	Pending
2009	757
2008	735
2007	752
2006	721
2005	736

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