



LAGBAC, Chicago's LGBTQ+ Bar Association
November 3, 2026 General Election
Judicial Candidate Ratings

Ratings Key:

HR	Highly Recommended
R	Recommended
NR	Not Recommended

Illinois Appellate Court – (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas E. Hoffman	LAGBAC Rating
Judith C. Rice	HR

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Kathleen Marie Burke	LAGBAC Rating
Steven Q. McKenzie	NR

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Cynthia Y. Cobbs	LAGBAC Rating
Luz Maria Toledo	R



Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Ellen Coghlan	LAGBAC Rating
Ashonta C. Rice	R

Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. William Hooks	LAGBAC Rating
Ava George Stewart	HR

Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Paul Karkula	LAGBAC Rating
D’Anthony “Tony” Thedford	R

Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Robert Balanoff	LAGBAC Rating
Radiance Ward	HR



Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Carl A. Walker	LAGBAC Rating
Ashley Greer Shambley	R

Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas W. Murphy	LAGBAC Rating
John Carroll	HR

Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock	LAGBAC Rating
Rachel Marrello	NR

Cook Circuit Court – 5 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Dominique C. Ross	LAGBAC Rating
Stephanie S. Kelly	R

Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Celia L. Gamrath	LAGBAC Rating
Kathleen Cunniff Ori	R



Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary L. Mikva	LAGBAC Rating
Lester Finkle	R
Cook Circuit Court – 11 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Pamela McLean Meyerson	LAGBAC Rating
Jarrett Knox	R
Cook Circuit Court – 11 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Colleen Roberts	LAGBAC Rating
Kim Przekota	R
Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John Curry	LAGBAC Rating
Robert “Bob” Groebner	R



Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Martin C. Kelley	LAGBAC Rating
Brittany Michelle Pedersen	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas J. Kelley	LAGBAC Rating
William F. Kelley	R
Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Shannon P. O’Malley	LAGBAC Rating
Dan Naranjo	HR
Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Callie L. Baird	LAGBAC Rating
Julian Sanchez Crozier	R
Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patricia Mendoza	LAGBAC Rating
Jessica Karina Velez	NR



Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd J. Brooks	LAGBAC Rating
Natalia Moore	NR

Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. James R. Carroll	LAGBAC Rating
Bianca B. Brown	R

Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Frank J. Andreou	LAGBAC Rating
Sam Bae	R

Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Jeffrey G. Chrones	LAGBAC Rating
Juan Ponce de Leon	R

Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John A. Fairman	LAGBAC Rating
Sara McGann	R



Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Michael J. Kane	LAGBAC Rating
Monica Somerville	R

Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. David E. Haracz	LAGBAC Rating
Michael J. Zink	R

Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Stephanie K. Miller	LAGBAC Rating
Jon Stromsta	R



Shall the person listed be retained in office as Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court?

Illinois Appellate Court 1st District	LAGBAC Rating
Bertina E. Lampkin	Yes
Cook County Circuit Court	LAGBAC Rating
Lewis Nixon	Yes
Kerry M. Kennedy	Yes
Joan E. Powell	Yes
Maureen Ward Kirby	Yes
Edward A. Arce	Yes
Thomas J. Byrne	Yes
Diana L. Kenworthy	Yes
Kristyna Colleen Ryan	Yes
Ursula Walowski	Yes
Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos	Yes
Caroline Kate Moreland	Yes
Thomas J. Carroll	Yes
Andrea M. Buford	Yes
John Michael Allegretti	Yes
Kristal Rivers	Yes
Steven G. Watkins	Yes
Abbey Fishman Romanek	Yes
Judith C. Rice	Yes
Patrick Kevin Coughlin	Yes
Megan Elizabeth Goldish	Yes
Anjana M. J. Hansen	Yes
Robert D. Kuzas	Yes
Maritza Martinez	Yes
Terrence J. McGuire	Yes
Bridget Anne Mitchell	Yes
James P. Pieczonka	Yes



Patricia O'Brien Sheahan	Yes
Michael A. Forti	Yes
Nichole C. Patton	Yes
Sondra Nicole Denmark	Yes
Gerardo Tristan, Jr.	Yes
Lynn Weaver Boyle	Yes
Daniel Edward Maloney	Yes
Thomas M. Cushing	Yes
John G. Mulroe	Yes
Tyria B. Walton	Yes
Erin Haggerty Antonietti	Yes
Teresa Molina-Gonzalez	Yes
Patricia M. Fallon	Yes
Sheree Desiree Henry	Yes
Celestia L. Mays	Yes
Levander Smith, Jr.	Yes
Julie Bess Aimen	Yes
Laura Ayala-Gonzalez	Yes
Krista D. Butler	Yes
Maire Aileen Dempsey	Yes
Jamie Guerra Dickler	Yes
Jonathan Clark Green	Yes
Mary Catherine Marubio	Yes
Regina Ann Mescall	Yes
Lorraine Mary Murphy	Yes
Eileen Marie O'Connor	Yes
Jill Rose Quinn	Yes
Pamela Reaves-Harris	Yes
Tiesha L. Smith	No
Chris Stacey	Yes
Perla Tirado	Yes
Elizabeth Anne Walsh	Yes
Maura McMahon Zeller	Yes