



LAGBAC, Chicago's LGBTQ+ Bar Association
March 17, 2026 Primary 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

Judith C. Rice

HR

Cook Circuit Court –
 Countywide
 (all ballots)
 Vacancy of the
 Hon. Kathleen Marie Burke

Steven Q. McKenzie

NR



Cook Circuit Court – Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Cynthia Y. Cobbs	
Linda Sackey	NR
Luz Maria Toledo	R
Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Mary Ellen Coghlan	
Michael Cabonargi	R
Ashonta C. Rice	R
Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. William Hooks	
Ava George Stewart	HR



Cook Circuit Court - Countywide (all ballots) Vacancy of the Hon. Paul Karkula	
D’Anthony “Tony” Thedford	R
Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Robert Balanoff	
Radiance Ward	HR
Natalie L. Howse	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 1 st Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Carl A. Walker	
Ashley Greer Shambley	R
Tiffany N. Brooks	NR
Ginger Odom	R



Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Thomas W. Murphy	
John Carroll	HR
Cook Circuit Court – 3 rd Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock	
Martin Douglas Reggi	R
Rachel Marrello	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 5 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Dominique C. Ross	
Stephanie S. Kelly	R



Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Celia L. Gamrath	
Kathleen Cuniff Ori	R
Garson Fischer	R
Elizabeth Christina Dibler	R
Cook Circuit Court – 8 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Mary L. Mikva	
Dan Balanoff	NR
Lester Finkle	R
Katherine Carole Morrison	R
Cook Circuit Court – 11 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Pamela McLean Meyerson	
Jarrett Knox	R
John R. Carrozza	R



Cook Circuit Court –
11th Subcircuit
Vacancy of the
Hon. Mary Colleen Roberts

Kim Przekota

R

Cook Circuit Court –
13th Subcircuit
Vacancy of the
Hon. John Curry

Robert “Bob” Groebner

R

Cook Circuit Court –
13th Subcircuit
Vacancy of the
Hon. Martin C. Kelley

Brittany Michelle Pedersen

NR

Cook Circuit Court –
13th Subcircuit
Vacancy of the
Hon. Thomas J. Kelley

William F. Kelley

R

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Cook Circuit Court – 13 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Shannon P. O’Malley	
Dan Naranjo	HR
Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit vacancy of the Hon. Callie L. Baird	
Julian Sanchez Crozier	R
Cook Circuit Court – 16 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Patricia Mendoza	
Jessica Karina Velez	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd J. Brooks	
Meridith Hammer	NR
Natalia Moore	NR



Cook Circuit Court – 17 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. James R. Carroll	
Bianca B. Brown	R
Amari Dawson	NR
Andre’ Thapedi	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Frank J. Andreou	
Sam Bae	R
Cook Circuit Court – 18 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Jeffrey G. Chrones	
Juan Ponce de Leon	R
Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. John A. Fairman	
Sara McGann	R

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Cook Circuit Court – 19 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Michael J. Kane	
Monica Somerville	R
Dave Condrón	HR
John Harkins	NR
Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. David E. Haracz	
Michael J. Zink	R
Cook Circuit Court – 20 th Subcircuit Vacancy of the Hon. Stephanie K. Miller	
Jon Stromsta	R
Belle Katubig	R

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