

JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Associate Judge Candidates Rated

Candidates for an associate judge vacancy in the 17th Judicial Circuit have been rated in an advisory poll of lawyers conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) in cooperation with the Winnebago County (WCBA) and Boone County (BCBA) bar associations. Ballots were sent to all ISBA members who practice or reside in the 17th Judicial Circuit as well as members of the WCBA and BCBA. The results of this poll are being released to the public at the request of Chief Judge John S. Lowry. *Opinions expressed in the poll are of those attorneys who chose to respond and do not reflect the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association or the opinion of all Illinois Attorneys.*

<u>Seventeenth</u> Judicial Circuit <i>Boone and Winnebago counties</i>	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
Aaron C. Buscemi	64	88.71	85.71	90.32	90.16	95.00	94.92	91.80	83.87
Andrew J. Fisk	77	93.15	87.14	68.57	85.92	57.75	88.71	89.39	56.16
Alesandra R. Friend Laird	*								
David M. Gill	131	88.28	81.89	81.40	87.50	86.29	97.48	87.90	76.74
Erin C. Hannigan	82	88.89	83.75	78.48	86.08	90.79	96.10	93.83	81.01

**Insufficient number of respondents for the results to be considered valid.*

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Joseph B. Kosek	114	94.64	94.74	82.73	92.11	83.81	90.91	94.50	83.64
Matthew R. Leisten	41	97.37	89.19	60.98	71.79	77.50	94.29	86.49	60.00
Scott Robinson	*								
Heidi Ruckman-Agustsson	61	98.28	91.53	93.33	96.61	98.08	96.23	98.18	92.86
Andrew T. Smith	90	63.10	58.33	62.07	55.29	74.70	83.12	64.29	46.59
Paul R. Vella	106	79.00	76.24	75.47	77.00	80.00	91.84	73.00	63.73
Daniel T. Wilkins	69	91.18	86.96	72.31	87.88	64.52	90.16	90.91	62.69
Jeffrey J. Zucchi	60	70.69	68.52	76.27	66.67	82.69	91.84	74.55	57.63

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How Judicial Advisory Polls Work

The Illinois State Bar Association Judicial Advisory Poll is conducted electronically and by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit or district from which a candidate seeks appointment (except Cook County). Opinions expressed in the Poll are those of the attorneys who chose to respond to the Poll and their opinions do not reflect the opinions of the ISBA or the opinions of *all* Illinois attorneys.

Candidates for an appointed associate or circuit judge vacancy are not rated. Only scores are released to the chief judge/justice.

The following are questions asked on the poll.

RESPONDENT'S KNOWLEDGE – Do you have sufficient knowledge as to the qualifications of this candidate for this judicial office to give a fair, informed opinion as to those qualifications?

In your opinion, with respect to this judicial office and in off-the-bench conduct affecting the judicial office, will the candidate:

Integrity

Adhere to the high standards of integrity and ethical conduct required of the office?

Impartiality

Act and rule impartially and free of any predisposition or improper influence?

Legal Ability

Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

Temperament

Exercise appropriate temperament with courtesy, consideration, firmness, fairness, patience, and dignity?

Court Management

Attend to all professional responsibilities including the management of cases/clients, and complete work in a prompt and skillful manner?

Health

Have the physical, mental and emotional health, stamina and stability needed to perform judicial duties?

Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias

Conduct self and deal with others appropriately to reduce or eliminate conduct or words which manifest bias based on race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or socio-economic status against parties, witnesses, counsel, or others?

Meet Requirements of Office:

(Recommendation) Considering the qualifications of the candidate, do you believe this candidate meets acceptable requirements for the office?

*Requests for ballots were not available for this poll.