STATE OF ILLINOIS
SUPREME COURT

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 10th day of November, 2025.

Present: P. Scott Neville, Jr., Chief Justice
Justice Mary Jane Theis
Justice David K. Overstreet
Justice Lisa Holder White
Justice Joy V. Cunningham
Justice Elizabeth M. Rochford
Justice Mary K. O'Brien

M.R.001028

In re: Committee on Character and Fitness

Order

First District

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, First District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified:

Thomas R. Allen, III
Attorney at Law
33 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 2000
Chicago, IL 60602

Heather L. Daniel
Attorney at Law
6351 W. Montrose Ave., Box #256
Chicago, IL 60634

Amy Marla Gardner
Attorney at Law
226 N. Clinton St., Unit 418
Chicago, IL 60661

Kathryn C. Liss
Attorney at Law
25 E. Jackson Blvd., Rm. 305
Chicago, IL 60604

Stuart E. Palmer
Attorney at Law
71 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 2400
Chicago, IL 60606

Thomas E. Quinn
Attorney at Law
353 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60654

Patricia A. Rangel
Attorney at Law
2332 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60647

Greta G. Weathersby
Attorney at Law
200 E. Randolph St., Ste. 23
Chicago, IL 60601

Tanya D. Woods
Attorney at Law
2035 S. State St., Ste. 16135
Chicago, IL 60616

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are appointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, First District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified, replacing Christopher Stathopoulos, Jerry D. Brown, Claudia F. Badillo, Terrence Patrick LeFevour, and Michael T. Koptik:

Juliet V. Berger-White
Attorney at Law
1 Horizon Way
Deerfield, IL 60015

Matthew L. Kutcher
Attorney at Law
110 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 4200
Chicago, IL 60606

Eric E. Castaneda
Attorney at Law
203 N. LaSalle St., 24th Fl.
Chicago, IL 60601

Latoya D. Spearman
Attorney at Law
69 W. Washington St.
Chicago, IL 60602

James P. Durkin
Attorney at Law
444 W. Lake St.
Chicago, IL 60606

Second District

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Second District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified:

Michael G. Cortina
Attorney at Law
475 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Ste. C1
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Jack C. Mardoian
Attorney at Law
900 N. Shore Dr., Ste. 150
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are appointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Second District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified, replacing James Pluymert, Stephen J. Rice, and Elizabeth Berrones:

Laura R. Conroy
Attorney at Law
125 N. 1st St., Unit C
DeKalb, IL 60115

Kristen N. Suchy
Attorney at Law
21 N. 4th St.
Geneva, IL 60134

Hon. George Strickland, Ret.
2600 Riverwoods Rd.
Riverwoods, IL 60015

Third District

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Third District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified:

Michael D. Block
Attorney at Law
19 Jefferson St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Laura C. Chaplinski
Attorney at Law
232 N. Industrial Dr.
Bradley, IL 60915

Joan N. Harrop
Attorney at Law
220 W. Main St., Ste. 300
Morris, IL 60480

James A. Murphy
Attorney at Law
822 N. 129th Infantry Dr., Ste. 100
Joliet, IL 60435

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individual is appointed a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Third District, for a term expiring December 31, 2028, and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, replacing Thomas L. Justice, Jr.:

Melissa M. Olivero
Attorney at Law
1615 4th St.
Peru, IL 61354

Fourth District

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Fourth District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified:

Denise Barr
Attorney at Law
101 E. Douglas Ave.
Petersburg, IL 62675

John J. Holevas
Attorney at Law
120 W. State St.
P.O. Box 219
Rockford, IL 61105

Joseph B. Ott
Attorney at Law
525 Jersey St.
Quincy, IL 62301

James M. Rochford
Attorney at Law
101 SW. Adams St., Ste. 700
Peoria, IL 61602

Nicholas J. Rochford
Attorney at Law
101 SW. Adams St., Ste. 700
Peoria, IL 61602

Fifth District

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Fifth District, for terms expiring December 31, 2028, and until successors are duly appointed and qualified:

Andrew Bequette
Attorney at Law
101 E. Main St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Diane M. Goffinet
Attorney at Law
509 S. University Ave., 3rd Fl.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Lorna K. Geiler
Attorney at Law
306 W. Church St.
P.O. Box 6750
Champaign, IL 61820

Laura E. Schrick
Attorney at Law
23 Public Square, Ste. 300
Belleville, IL 62220

Effective January 1, 2026, the following individual is appointed a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Fifth District, for a term expiring December 31, 2028, and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, replacing Matthew Robert Horthenstine:

Letitia B. Wiggins
Attorney at Law
404 W. Randolph St.
McLeansboro, IL 62859

Effective January 1, 2026, Lorna K. Geiler is reappointed vice-chairperson of the Committee on Character and Fitness, Fifth District, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Order entered by the Court.

SEAL OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ILLINOIS
AUG. 26, 1818

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 12th day of December, 2025.

Cynthia A. Grant

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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December 12, 2025
SUPREME COURT
CLERK