



## Supreme Court of Illinois

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### **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS JUDGE FRANK IERULLI AS AT-LARGE JUDGE IN TENTH CIRCUIT**

Justice Lisa Holder White and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Associate Judge Frank Ierulli as an At-Large Circuit Court Judge in the Tenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Ierulli is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael D. Risinger, effective November 30, 2022. The appointment of Judge Ierulli takes effect on December 1, 2022, and will conclude December 2, 2024, following the November 2024 general election.

“In his new role as Circuit Judge, I have no doubt Judge Ierulli will continue to honor his longstanding commitments to serving others and judicial excellence,” Justice Holder White said. “Judge Ierulli has earned the respect of his fellow judges, the legal community, and the citizens of Peoria County. The Tenth Circuit will be well served by Judge Ierulli’s elevation to Circuit Judge.”

Judge Ierulli has served as an Associate Judge in the Tenth Judicial Circuit since 2016. He previously spent 12 years in private practice and was a shareholder at Howard & Howard Attorneys, a law firm of over 100 lawyers. Prior to private practice he worked for 11 years at the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office representing the County in both civil and criminal matters. While at the State’s Attorney’s Office he served in a number of capacities including as the Chief of the Juvenile Division, as a Felony prosecutor, as the Administrative prosecutor and Chief of the Civil Division. He successively tried cases in all of the criminal courtrooms of Peoria County.

“I am honored and humbled to be appointed to serve as a Circuit Court Judge. I would like to thank Justice Holder White and the Illinois Supreme Court for their trust,” Judge Ierulli said. “I look forward to serving the citizens of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit as a Circuit Judge.”

Judge Ierulli has a long history of community involvement. He has served as President of the Abraham Lincoln Court and the Moss-Bradley Residential Association. He has also served as a Commissioner for the City of Peoria Zoning Board of Appeals. He served on the Board of Directors for the Riverfront Museum and W.D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He also served as a Council Commissioner and District Committee Chairman for Heartland District of the W.D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, he served as a member of the Family Advisory Board at Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Educational Center, as a member of the Campaign for Legal Services for Prairie State Legal Services, and as a volunteer

for Heart of Illinois Harvest. He was also an Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1998 to 2010. The Peoria County Bar Association recognized his public service by awarding him the Distinguished Community Service Award in 2016.

Since being appointed to the bench, Judge Ierulli continues to volunteer at Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Educational Center, assist with the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program and stresses education for the minors in his courtroom. In 2021, Peoria Public Schools recognized Judge Ierulli's work with their Juvenile Justice Advocates with a State of the Schools Innovation Award.

Judge Ierulli earned his Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University and received his Juris Doctor from the Creighton University School of Law. His current and past professional associations include the Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Peoria County Bar Association, and The Abraham Lincoln Court.

The Tenth Judicial Circuit encompasses five counties: Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, and Tazewell.

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