

Judge Dorothy French

I am a Republican Candidate for the office of Circuit Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County for the vacancy created by the retirement of Hon. Kenneth Moy. My legal, business and family experience combine to provide me with the qualities required to be a dedicated and respected judge. A good judge is fair, follows the law, is efficient and on time. She is on time in opening court and on time with her decisions. She explains her decisions. She is polite, considerate and respectful. She is prepared. She is independent of any one group or person. She has experience, wisdom, integrity and common sense.

I believe I have demonstrated these qualities as I have served as an associate judge. Of all the judicial candidates, I received the highest retention approval rating in 2007 on the DuPage County Bar Association attorney. I have consistently rated "highly recommended" by the Judiciary Committee of the DCBA.

My background includes:

- Associate Judge for almost 7 years assigned to traffic, domestic relations, small claims and law division hearing major civil cases;
- As an attorney, practiced in civil courtrooms for 21 years as an insurance defense attorney representing individuals, businesses, hospitals, doctors;
- Over two dozen civil jury trials and close to 20 appellate briefs;
- Regional managing attorney at the Lisle office of Hinshaw & Culbertson;
- Partner & attorney at French Kezelis & Kominiarek for 17 years;
- Managing attorney & CEO of French Kezelis & Kominiarek for 5 years;
- Judicial Law Clerk in the Appellate Court (1978-1979);
- Juris Doctor degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law (1978), high honors (graduating 3rd in the class);
- Tennis professional for 2 ½ years;
- B.S. in Zoology with a teaching certificate in Biology from Michigan State University (1972) High Honors
- Married to Richard Mallen for 28 years; Daughter Katherine Mallen who is an art teacher

I have a passion for justice. I have a passion for my job. I am experienced, respected, and dedicated. I am committed to the office of circuit court judge and would be honored to continue to serve the people of DuPage County in that capacity. I can do that only with your vote on February 5, 2008. I ask you for that vote.