



Illinois Civil Justice League

## ICJL 2018 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

**Brad K. Bleyer**  
**Circuit Judge – 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit**

1. State the main reason why voters should return you to the bench.

**It has been my privilege to serve as a circuit judge in the first judicial circuit since 2004. In that time, I have had the opportunity to handle cases of all types including family, civil tort, criminal, juvenile, probate, chancery. I hope that my judicial service over the last 14 years has allowed me to develop the experience and patience to effectively serve the people of southern Illinois.**

2. What actions have you taken as a judge of which you are most proud?

**Any pride that I have taken while serving as a judge has only been in my continued efforts to make sure that I am 100% impartial in every case that I hear.**

3. Name and describe one change you would make in the Illinois court system.

**Efforts should be continued to improve the method of selection of judges so that judges are selected on the basis of competence rather than political persuasion.**

4. One prominent Illinois judicial evaluation survey asks attorneys to evaluate candidates on Integrity, Impartiality, Legal Ability and Temperament. Critique yourself in these four areas as to how you personally approach your job as a judge?

**I have now undergone five separate judicial evaluations. I consider these evaluations important feedback from the attorneys practicing in my courtroom. I have made every effort during my tenure on the bench to meet and maintain high judicial standards.**