



## 2020 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

### William C. Hudson Circuit Judge – 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit

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

**Six years ago I made a campaign promise to the voters that I would be fair and impartial, follow and uphold the law, and also treat every person in the courtroom with respect. I believe I have upheld that promise every day.**

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

**I don't believe I have any big extravagant actions. I haven't decided any landmark cases. But I have tried every day to live up to my campaign promises stated above no matter how small or how big the case may be.**

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

**In my rural area, I see too many clients who make just enough money that they don't qualify for free legal counsel, but also make too little to hire counsel of their own. I would like to see this category of people have access to better legal aid resources.**

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?

**Integrity: I readily recuse myself from cases where there is even a hint that I may have some stake in the outcome. My family and I follow the Code of Judicial Conduct.**

**Impartiality: In all cases, criminal and civil, I believe that race, ethnicity, or socio-economic backgrounds should not influence my opinion of anyone in a negative light.**

**Legal Ability: I try to practice and sharpen my skills in researching areas not familiar to my usual cases. I attend trainings on topics for which I may need more education.**

**Temperament: Although the courtroom is by its very nature adversarial, I try to remind myself that I am the neutral arbiter responsible for the decorum of the courtroom.**