



Illinois Civil Justice League

2020 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

**Michael J. Molt
Circuit Judge – 2nd Circuit**

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

The main reason why voters should return me to the bench is to allow me to continue to use my 40 years of legal experience, which I accumulated as a practicing attorney, in performing judicial duties.

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

The actions which I have taken as a judge for which I am most proud is the fact that I render decisions timely, thereby keeping cases under advisement to a minimum; and that I am willing to conduct judicial settlement conferences which result in settlements which reduce attorney's fees being incurred by the parties, as well as resulting in a more efficient management of the court's docket.

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

My goal is not to make change in the Illinois court system, but rather, to carry out the laws set forth in the legislative statutes and follow Illinois Supreme Court Rules by which I am obligated to abide.

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 strive to conduct myself with the upmost integrity; to be impartial to all attorneys, parties, witnesses, and court personnel; to allow my 40 years of legal experience as a practicing attorney to provide me with necessary legal knowledge; and to approach the more contentious cases with an even temperament.