

To: Illinois Civil Justice League
September 24, 2018

Re: ICJL 2018 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

From: Judge Maura Slattery Boyle

1. State the Main Reason why voters should return you to the Bench.

I have been a Judge since 2000 and bring over 18 years experience as a Judge and a total of 25 years legal knowledge to Bench. It benefits all parties that Participate in the legal system that the Judges have extensive experience. I currently sit In the Criminal Division located at 2600 South California. I have been found qualified by the CBA, ISBA, WBAI, HBAI, PRBAI, Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois, Decalogue Society and the LAGBAG Bar Association in 2006, 20012 and 2018. I am currently awaiting to hear from some additional Bar Associations. I am hard working, diligent and punctual.

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

I am proud of the manner in which I run the Courtroom and my case management. I am proud of the environment in the courtroom I have fostered, specifically all parties are aware and adhere to my requirement to treat each other in a respectful and civil manner. I have disposed of 140% of the cases assigned to my call this year. I have also had only two situations in which there was a request for a Substitution of Judge, this clearly indicates both the Defense and State view me as fair, impartial and knowledgeable.

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

I would like to see more technology advances implemented in the Court system. Working at 26th and California we still use a substantial amount of paper and carbon paper. I would like to see the court system leave less of a carbon print on the environment.

I would like to see both criminal and civil cases proceed more efficiently through the system, this is would allow the attorneys and Judges to make more efficient use of their time and provide their clients or parties with better service and representation.

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.

I think in each of these four areas I work extremely hard to uphold all Judicial Canon of Ethics. I make sure never to put myself in a situation where my integrity or impartiality are questioned. I continually read newly enacted statues and written Court opinions to make sure that I am current with the law. My temperament has never been criticized by any individuals that appear before me. At no time I have I appeared before the Judicial inquiry Board or questioned or criticized by the Chief Judge or Presiding Judge of my Division in regard to any of the four areas listed above.

I continue to work and will continue to work on improving in these four areas. This will ensure that I continue to become a better Judge, thereby helping to make the legal system better.