



ICJL 2018 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

Kimberly D. Lewis Cook County Circuit Judge

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

Voters should return me to the bench because I am fair and impartial, as well as for my commitment to administer justice under the law to those who come before me. I have also been very committed to making sure that the children who are wards of the court, and have cases before me, receive the services, security, love and care of which they are so deserving, to the best of my ability.

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

I am most proud of reuniting children with their families after the successful completion and application of the necessary services.

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

One change I would make in the Illinois court system would be for more needed services to be made available for the children who have matters before the court in a timely fashion.

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?

a) Integrity- I personally try to adhere to the highest moral and ethical principals under the law to the best of my ability as I execute my duties as a judge.

b) Impartiality- I strive to proceed with neutrality and an open mind when presiding over matters that come before me and to give the parties a fair and equal opportunity to be heard. Imparting this principal is equally as significant when addressing self-represented litigants who are seeking their day in court.

c) Legal Ability- I have good legal ability for reasons including, but not limited to, my experience in the legal field, both on and off the bench; my adherence to the law; my willingness to continue to learn necessary updates in the law; and my ability to teach at Continuing Legal Education seminars and other legal forums.

d) Temperament- As a judge, I treat those who come before me with the respect with which I would want to receive and the manner in which I would want to be treated. I also try to maintain a sense of calm in both my demeanor and in the courtroom to the extent possible.