



## 2020 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

**James N. O'Hara  
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 in my career as a judge I have always been in one of the top positions for the disposition of cases while at the same time being one of the least recused judges in my division. I believe that reflects my efficient and impartial administration of justice.**

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

**I am most proud of my actions reflected in the answer to the first question; that is the fair, impartial and yet efficient administration of justice for all litigants.**

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

**I would certainly welcome any and all changes that would foster equal justice under the law in an efficient and expedient manner as possible; however, as a judge I would faithfully follow the changes that the legislature makes. Any changes however are for the legislative branch.**

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 been evaluated by attorneys via the bar associations at least twice. Each of those times I was found recommended/qualified. These evaluations take into account the four areas listed. I would agree with their findings.**

**My approach to being a judge is to fair, impartial and follow the law in an efficient manner as possible giving the litigants their day in court.**