



Illinois Civil Justice League

## 2020 Judicial Retention Questionnaire

**Joan E. Powell  
Cook County Circuit Judge**

Statement from Judge Joan E. Powell:

**My job as a judge involves staying abreast of the law, fairly and patiently hearing the evidence presented in each case, treating people impartially and with dignity, applying the law to the evidence and making a fair and informed ruling. I take each of these aspects very seriously.**

**Part of being impartial and maintaining integrity is refraining from hearing any matter where I may have a conflict of interest.**

**After 14 years on the bench, I have experience and training and have a reputation for solid legal knowledge and preparedness and a calm and patient demeanor.**

**If there is any good result of the pandemic it is the fact that using zoom and teleconferencing for regular status calls has been efficient and has reduced attorney costs. We should consider continuing this process.**

**Some of the more rewarding experiences occur when people who initially did not want to serve as jurors on lengthy and complex trials, linger after the verdict and tell me how much they learned about the process and how rewarding the experience was.**

**Please feel free to visit courtroom 2506 any time after this covid has departed. I welcome you to watch a trial or hearing.**

**Thank you for your interest.  
Judge Joan E. Powell**