

The Committee to Elect Anne M. Burke
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Via email: questionnaire@icjl.org

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RE: Questionnaire Responses

Dear Mr. Pastuovic:

Justice Anne M. Burke's responses to the ICJL's questionnaire are as follows:

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

I should be retained for another term because I have worked diligently during my time on the Supreme Court to ensure that the rule of law is applied fairly in every case and that litigants have every opportunity to have their issues heard. I will adhere to that ethic going forward. In addition, being a Supreme Court justice involves not only ruling on cases, but also serving as the administrative head for the entire judicial system of the State of Illinois. I have spent a great deal of time and effort while on the Court working to improve the judicial system for the public and I will continue to do so in the future.

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

First and foremost, I am proud of the decision-making process that takes place on our Court. There is nothing more important than providing litigants with the opportunity to have their cases decided respectfully and diligently, and according to the rule of law. I believe my colleagues and I meet this standard, and it is my honor and privilege to continue to provide this service to the public. I also take great pride in the reform efforts that have been directed by our Court regarding bond court issues and am proud of the time I have spent as co-chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council, chair of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, and liaison to the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission.

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

One change I would make would be to encourage minimum eligibility standards for lawyers to hold judicial office. This would include, for example, requiring 6 years of practice and being in good standing to run for circuit court judge, 10 years of practice and good standing to run for appellate court justice, and 12 years of practice and good standing to run for supreme court justice. Such a change would require a

constitutional amendment and the approval of the legislature. However, I believe this a fundamental matter that needs to be addressed.

4. One prominent Illinois judicial evaluation survey asks attorneys to evaluate candidates on Integrity, Impartiality, Legal Ability and cTemperament. Critique yourself in these four areas as to how you personally approach your job as a judge?

Judges may always be evaluated on how they conduct themselves while on the bench. I believe I have acted humbly, impartially, and with integrity while on the Court and that the decisions I have authored speak for themselves regarding my legal ability. However, I also believe a judge should be evaluated not only for her conduct on the bench but also in the community. I have participated my entire life in working for our most vulnerable populations, including being a co-founder of Special Olympics, and have worked diligently to educate the public about the workings of the Supreme Court and its history.

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Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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