



**Candidate: Don R. Sampen**

**Appellate Court, First District, O'Malley Vacancy**

**Resume**

I am a candidate for the First District Appellate Court because I want to contribute to an improvement in the quality of, and the perception of fairness in, the Cook County judicial system. The following is a narrative summary of my background.

**Personal:** My wife and I have been married since 2001 and currently live in Lincolnwood. I was born in 1950.

**Employment:** I currently am a partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Clausen Miller, P.C., and my practice focuses on appellate advocacy and insurance-related matters. My professional career in general has focused on commercial litigation, and I have been a partner in both large and small Chicago law firms. I also spent seven years with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, where I was Chief of the Public Interest Division and Chief of the Special Litigation Bureau. In addition, upon graduation from law school, I spent a year as law clerk to Judge Philip W. Tone on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

**Education:** I was a top student at Northwestern Law School in Chicago, where I served as an editor of the Law Review and graduated magna cum laude in 1975. I attended undergraduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, where I majored in economics and political science and graduated with distinction. I grew up in El Paso, Illinois, and attended the El Paso High School where I was class valedictorian.

**Teaching:** I have taught or participated in the teaching of many law school courses. For the past six years have I taught insurance law at Loyola School of Law in Chicago, and plan to teach the course again in 2010. Prior to then, I taught pretrial litigation at Northwestern; advanced trial practice at Loyola; a course on remedies at Loyola and Chicago-Kent College of Law; and trademarks at Chicago-Kent.

**Writing and Seminars:** I have written and published many articles and book chapters. They are too numerous to name here and are listed in a separate attachment. They include a column I publish twice monthly on insurance law in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. I also have spoken as part of, and moderated, many seminars over the years, which likewise are listed in the attachment.

**Bar Activities:** I am a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Appellate Lawyers Association. I have been active in bar association activities, having twice chaired the CBA Federal Civil Procedure Committee and the ISBA Antitrust Law Section Council, and I served as editor of several bar association newsletters.

**Pro Bono Work:** My pro bono work currently consists of my teaching activity. In the past, however, I was an active pro bono advocate on behalf of indigent prisoners, having spent many hours at both the trial and appellate levels representing prisoners in prison mistreatment and related cases.