



**Candidate: Thomas R. Appleton**

**Appellate Court, Fourth District, Cook Vacancy**

### **Resume**

I was born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised in Aledo, Illinois, where I graduated from high school in 1967. I received my B.A. from Augustana College and an M.A. from the University of Illinois. In 1976, I graduated from Chicago Kent College of Law and was admitted to practice that same year. In my second year, I was on the Moot Court Team and Law Review. I was Lead Articles Editor in my final year.

I first was employed as a law clerk to Justice James C. Craven. After 14 months with the Fourth District Court, I became its Research Director. In 1979, I became Clerk of the Court. I left the Court in 1981 to enter private practice in Springfield, Illinois.

I first entered practice with Presney, Huffman, Kelley & Appleton. During those early years, I served as a part-time Assistant Public Defender. In 30 months, I tried over 30 cases to a jury, winning about half of them. In 1987, I entered practice with Morse, Giganti & Appleton, and remained there until my election as a Circuit Judge in 1992. I had a general practice with many family cases, some business and association clients, and represented several small municipalities and school districts. In 2001, I was assigned to the Fourth District Appellate Court.

I am married to Dr. Helen Appleton, a practicing clinical psychologist. We have two adult sons. I have always been active in the community, currently serving on the Executive Board of the Boy Scout Council, the Board of Directors of the Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries, a Trustee of the Springfield Muni Opera, the Board of Directors of the Citizens Club of Springfield, and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Arts.

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