



Illinois Civil Justice League

Candidate: Raymond Rossi

12th Circuit, Fifth Subcircuit, Additional Judgeship B

Narrative Resume

I am qualified to be a judge because of my proven record, legal background, common sense approach to problem solving and proven values that most closely resemble the feelings and beliefs of the 5th Judicial Sub-Circuit voters. I have served in many state and federal courts as an attorney for 29 years, handling virtually every type of case. I am also a long-time arbitrator and hold Juris Doctorate, Masters in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts degrees. I have also earned the highest ratings from peer attorneys for legal ability and ethics from an international non-partisan attorney rating service that establishes its ratings on the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and the Judiciary. Achieving the highest ratings shows that a lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence, has usually practiced law for many years and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity. I've written legal articles, many federal and state appellate court briefs and presently have an article scheduled for publication with the Illinois Bar Journal that discusses the changing standard of care for sports injuries.

I trust that the readers will agree that being a good judge means making tough decisions; that's the nature of the job, day-in and day-out. As a mayor for 12 years, I made tough decisions with common sense and as a result was able to establish a number of worthy programs and projects. As a lawyer and litigator for over 29 years, I know the law, understand the nuances of the law and as a result will make those tough decisions correctly as judge. Besides being the Mayor of Frankfort, I served as an elected Committeeman for some 26 years, a township trustee, plan commission member and started our local Main Street Chapter. I was nominated by Governor Edgar and twice confirmed by the Senate to the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority at a time when the planning and development of the Joliet Arsenal were at crucial stages. I was also chosen by Governor Edgar to chair the third extension of the South Suburban Tollway Authority. I am also the founder, President and head coach of a large youth wrestling club that provides amateur wrestling instruction five days a week for five months of the year. Up until the past year I was a varsity high school wrestling coach and a couple years ago I wrote a mystery novel about wrestling, airport development, and politics. I have also been the head of a number of civic, professional and fraternal organizations, whose memberships believe that I could best guide, lead and command their respective organizations. My wife, four children and I all attended high school in Will County and are proud to call Will County our home for many decades. I also have the support of most elected officials in the 5th Judicial Sub-Circuit because they have worked with me and know of my proven results. I believe that these are the qualities one needs to run for judge – and that I am the proven right choice for the job.