

My professional career began as an Assistant State's Attorney in Will County, Illinois. I am a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Will County Bar Association. As a Will County Assistant State's Attorney, I prosecuted cases ranging from traffic and misdemeanor offenses, to trial of all levels of felony prosecution including murder and narcotics violations. Upon leaving the State's Attorney's Office, I was an associate at Schenk, Duffy, Quinn, McNamara, Phelan, Carey & Ford, where I practiced criminal law, transactional law and Workers Compensation. I am founding partner of Smigielski & Wator, P. C. a general practice law firm. I represent clients in a wide variety of legal matters, including traffic, criminal, both misdemeanor and felony offenses, as well as real estate transactions, evictions, wills and probate.

My parents Eugene and Pola Smigielski are immigrants from Poland, who came to the United States in the hope of providing a better life for themselves and their family. I was born in Chicago where I attended Good Shepherd Grammar School. I am a 1981 graduate of Brother Rice High School; I graduated from DePaul University in 1985 and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1988. My parents also sent me to classes on Saturday's to study Polish; due to their efforts I am also fluent in Polish.

My wife Bernie and I live in Homer Glen with our children Katie and Andy, both students In Homer School District 33C. I am involved in many community organizations, Cub Scout Den Leader, coaching the numerous sports teams on which my children have played and continue to play, member of the Homer Chamber of Commerce. I am proud to be Chairperson of Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Parish Pastoral Council, where I have also served as member of the Holy Name Society and Finance Committee, and am a Religious Education Instructor and Lector.

I am not a politician; I have never sought elected office before. I have been a practicing attorney for over twenty years, devoting my professional time to serving the needs of my clients. I have had the privilege of appearing before Judges in Will, Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Lake, Kane, Kankakee and other counties in Illinois. I will bring the best of what I have learned from these many and diverse Judges to the bench. My experiences, both professional and personal, have prepared me for the legal and human element necessary to properly and fairly fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Judge. It would be an honor to serve the People of Will County.