



Illinois Civil Justice League

Candidate: Jeffrey D. Greenspan

Cook County Circuit Court, Ninth Subcircuit, A Vacancy

1. State the qualifications and experiences that make you qualified to serve on the bench in Illinois.

In this election, the voters of the 9th judicial sub-circuit have the opportunity to select for judge a member of their community, Jeffrey Dov Greenspan. I have served the community in many capacities and am an experienced and well qualified lawyer. I have over 30 years of legal experience in litigation, local government, real estate and energy law. For a complete description of my background and experience go to: www.greenspanforjudge.com

Working for CorLands and The Trust for Public Land, I acquired hundreds of acres of land for parks and open space throughout Northern Illinois. I am a former Assistant Corporation Counsel for the Village of Skokie and Attorney for the Village of Lincolnwood and the Skokie Park District. I represented the Village of Skokie in all litigation. I served as the Village prosecutor for Skokie, Lincolnwood and Hainseville and worked as a Cook County Public Defender. As an attorney for the Governor's Office of Consumer Services, I represented consumers in utility rate cases where I advocated for energy conservation as the most cost effective way to meet our energy needs.

Serving my community, I have been committed to education, youth programs, the environment and the arts. I serve as a Niles Township High School District 219 Board member for over 10 years. I was chair of the Niles Township Committee on Youth and was the founder of TRY (Township Reach out to Youth). I am a member of the Northern Illinois Regional Water Planning Supply Group. I recently joined the local USGBC schools committee as District 219 seeks to be one of the first school districts in Illinois to LEED certify its existing buildings. I am a member of the board of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, home of Centreast, Northlight and the Skokie Valley Symphony.

I have a B.S. in Economics from the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois and a J.D. from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. I grew up and live in Skokie, with my wife Eleanor and our four children, Eva, Michael, Jered and Jason.

With my broad experience, I will be a judge that is knowledgeable, thoughtful and one who will be fair and impartial. I can serve with an understanding of the community in which I live. I plan to oversee that any court to which I may be assigned operates efficiently and with the proper decorum. I would insure all attorneys and parties to conduct themselves

with civility.

2. One prominent Illinois judicial evaluation survey asks attorneys to evaluate candidates on Integrity, Impartiality, Legal Ability and Temperament. Critique yourself in these four areas as to how they make you qualified to serve on the bench.

I have served and represented governments for my entire thirty year legal career. In those position I have served with integrity, treated parties fairly and with respect and my legal ability is borne out by the success for my clients.

3. Describe the case in which you are most proud of your work as a lawyer.

Representing hundreds of landowners and working with Nobel Prize economist, Merton Miller on the Lakehead pipeline case where we were able to defeat a claim for eminent domain. I was responsible developing an understanding of the world oil market and the US oil pipeline system and presenting it to the ICC.

4. Name one change you would make in the Illinois court system.

Increase the amount for small claims and simplify the discovery process to provide a quick resolution of civil cases.

5. Are there civil litigation reforms that you would like to see enacted to remedy particular problems that you have detected, either as a practicing lawyer or as a sitting judge? Are there reforms that would benefit the civil justice system? What needs to be changed? Should the enactment of any such changes be the province of the legislature, the Supreme Court or by Constitutional amendment?

I think the system is tied up in rather than substance. Most of the changes can be accomplished thru amendment to the Civil practice act or Supreme Court rules.

6. Do you believe that our judicial system adequately deters and penalizes frivolous litigation? If not, what reforms would you like to see?

No nor does it penalize defense delays. By getting to the substance of a claim early the cost of defending "frivolous" claim will be reduced as well as defense delay tactics reduced saving costs and legal time and expense.

7. Do you believe the Illinois Constitution precludes legislative establishment of limitations on civil damages? **YES**

Are there or should there be distinctions among economic, non-economic and punitive damages? **NO**