

# Karin E. Swanson

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## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Cook County State's Attorney Office, Chicago, Illinois</b>	Aug. 1999 - Present
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, Felony Trial Division, First Chair</b>	Aug. 2004 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prosecuted 49 felony jury trials, including murders, aggravated batteries with a firearm, and sexual assault cases</li><li>• Supervised and trained fellow Assistant State's Attorneys regarding trial, motion and ethical issues.</li><li>• Argued motions and prosecuted hundreds of bench trials regarding a wide range of felony trials</li><li>• Managed a court call of over 300 felony cases</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, Homicide/Sexual Assault Division</b>	June 2004 – Aug. 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interviewed witnesses to murders and sexual assaults</li><li>• Presented witnesses to the grand jury for indictment</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, Preliminary Hearings</b>	Jan. 2004 – June 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presented witnesses to the court for determinations on probable cause on a wide range of felonies</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, Felony Review</b>	Dec. 2002 – Jan. 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screened hundreds of cases for felony charges</li><li>• Participated in video and handwritten statements from witnesses and defendants</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center</b>	Oct. 2002 – Dec. 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participated in interviews of children of sexual assault</li><li>• Interviewed witnesses and defendants involved in child sexual assault cases</li></ul>	
<b>Assistant State's Attorney, First Municipal</b>	Aug. 1999 – Oct. 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tried 12 misdemeanor jury trials, including a triple jury sexual assault of a teenage girl</li><li>• Argued motions and tried over 100 misdemeanor bench trials</li><li>• Managed court call comprised of over 150 cases</li></ul>	
<b>Attorney General's Office, Chicago, Illinois</b>	
<b>Statewide Grand Jury Bureau</b>	Nov. 1995 – Aug. 1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successfully tried the first sexually violent person in the state of Illinois</li><li>• Successfully tried the first GHB (date rape drug) case in the state of Illinois from investigation through trial</li><li>• Provided trial assistance to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, including litigating two Misdemeanor jury trials and supervised a third.</li></ul>	
<b>Law Clerk, Environmental Division</b>	May 1994 – May 1995
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and writing regarding environmental pollution laws</li></ul>	
<b>Hon Thomas R. Fitzgerald, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Courts of Cook County</b>	
<b>Law Clerk</b>	May 1993 – Sept. 1994
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researched trial and motion issues for the Presiding Judge and for the criminal court judges</li></ul>	

## EDUCATION

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<b>DePaul College of Law, Chicago, Illinois</b>	1992-1995
Juris Doctor	
<b>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</b>	1988-1992
B.A. in Law and Society and, Sociology, Minor in Political Science	
Cumulative GPA 5.56/6.0	
<i>Graduated with honors</i>	
<b>Hinsdale Central High School, Hinsdale, Illinois</b>	1984-1988
<i>Graduated with honors</i>	

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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DePaul College of Law Dean's Scholar, 1992-1993

## Associations and Memberships

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- Chicago Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
- West Suburban Bar Association