



JUDGE
CELIA LOUISE GAMRATH
8th Subcircuit, Cook County (Chiola Vacancy)

In June 2010, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Celia Louise Gamrath as a Circuit Judge of Cook County, 8th judicial subcircuit (Chiola vacancy). Judge Gamrath was found Qualified or Recommended by all bar associations that evaluated her. Since June 2010, Judge Gamrath has presided over more than a hundred misdemeanor criminal and civil trials in the Municipal and Domestic Relations Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, including dozens of orders of protection, DUI, child custody, support and divorce trials. She is one of the first in the state to perform and dissolve civil unions.

The Supreme Court selected Judge Gamrath to be on the elite faculty of its Statewide Judicial Education Conference and as a Peer Review Editor of the Domestic Relations Benchbook. Judge Gamrath writes and lectures extensively in the field of matrimonial law, appeals and other legal topics. She has a bimonthly column in *Chicago Lawyer* magazine and has authored chapters in prominent legal treatises such as IICLE on marital settlement agreements, premarital agreements, orders of protection and civil motions.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Gamrath was a judicial law clerk for Justice Thomas R. Rakowski of the Illinois Appellate Court. She was also a partner for many years at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, where she concentrated in complex, high profile matrimonial law and appeals.

Judge Gamrath has been recognized nationally as a top appellate and family law attorney by *Best Lawyers in America*, *Chicago Magazine's* Illinois Super Lawyers (Top 50 Women), the Leading Lawyers Network (Top 50 Women), and the Law Bulletin Publishing Company as one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch." She is the recipient of several community awards and an active bar leader. She is endorsed by the Democratic Party and independent leaders alike, as well as Personal PAC, the Chicago Federation of Labor and Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge 7).

Judge Gamrath graduated from The John Marshall Law School (J.D. *cum laude*) and Indiana University (B.S. in Business, Spanish Minor). Judge Gamrath is secretary of the Board of Trustees of The John Marshall Law School and former secretary of the Chicago Bar Foundation, which strives to provide free legal services and equal access to justice for all. She has taught law school classes part-time and guest lectures in the areas of family law, civil procedure, legal writing, appellate procedure and arbitration.

Judge Gamrath has been married for 18 years and has an 8-year-old daughter. Visit www.JudgeGamrath.com for more information and a list of supporters.