

## **Judge James Kaplan**

### **Narrative Summary:**

I am a long-time Chicago resident and attended Lake View High School in Chicago. I have spent over 40 years as an attorney in Cook County after graduating from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1971. After receiving my law degree, I worked for the City of Chicago Department of Law as well as in private practice. I have extensive experience as a trial attorney and have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Illinois and of the United States. From 2005 – 2010, I served as Judge for the Illinois Court of Claims. I currently sit on the board of trustees for St. Patrick's High School and the Board of Overseers for Chicago-Kent College of Law. I have also been a guest lecturer for the University of Illinois Chicago, Southern Illinois University and the Chicago Mayor's Office for people with Disabilities. My wife Allin and I are the proud parents of three children.