



Judge Ketki “Kay” Steffen

Appointed Cook County Circuit Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in January of 2010. Recommended \ Qualified by all evaluating Bar Associations.

Trial/Litigation * People v. Michael Giroux, 07MC3006104

Highlights

Assisted with introduction and passage of 'Cindy Bischof' GPS legislation for repeat domestic violence abusers

*** People v. Alfredo Hernandez, 07CR4814**

Responsible for extraditing murder suspect from Mexico. Defendant subsequently successfully tried, convicted and sentence to imprisonment.

*** People v. Johnny Houston, 88-2637**

DePaul University serial sexual assault case. Prepared brief and successfully argued case in Appellate Court. .

Education

John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, Juris Doctorate

1991

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, B.A. Political Science

1988

Professional Experience

Cook County Circuit Judge, Domestic Violence Division

January, 2010

Presided over a hundred DUI and Civil and Criminal Domestic Violence cases including several complex elder abuse cases

to present

Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

1991

Served as Assistant States Attorney at the Rolling Meadows

to present

Courthouse for over 18 years. Specialized in Domestic Violence and

International Extraditions. Commended for bringing Murder and Child Molestation an ASA including felony and misdemeanor juries and appellate work.

Justice Thomas E. Hoffman

Fall, 1990

Extern: Researched/ prepared rulings on pretrial motions in torts and contracts cases.

Professional Associations

North West Suburban Bar Assoc, Women's Bar Assoc., National District Attorney’s Association, Indian American Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association.

Honors

Recipient, 'Partners in Peace' Award; Kent Law School, 'Building Bridges' Award; Deans Scholarship Recipient; Vice-President Indian Students Association; Moot Court Council Member; Jessup International Moot Court Team; NDAA scholarship recipient.

Volunteer Activities

Dist 220 Schools-Vision 20/20 Planning Commission; Pro-Bono Clinic; Co-Chair for IABA (2008-09); Member, Interfaith Alliance Group; Volunteer - Rose Elementary; Ex-Board Member, Indo American Democratic Organization; Ex-Board Member -Apna Ghar.

Languages

Fluent in Hindi and Gujarati.

Personal

Married to Robert J. Steffen and proud mother of Nicole, Alyssa, and Tristan.