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### **Judicial Experience**

#### **Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Circuit Judge**

Appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as Circuit Judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, December 17, 2018, effective January 18, 2019. Currently assigned to the First Municipal District in the Richard J. Daley Center, hearing municipal matters, including landlord-tenant disputes, criminal traffic court misdemeanors, petitions to rescind statutory summary suspensions, and municipal ordinance violations. Presided over more than 100 bench trials, contested hearings, and motions to date.

### **Legal Experience**

#### **City of Chicago Law Department, Appeals Division Senior Counsel, 2018-2019**

#### **Assistant Corporation Counsel, 2002-2018**

Represented the City of Chicago, City employees, and City agencies in over 100 appeals in state and federal appellate courts, including the Illinois Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. Responsible for appeals from start to finish, including settlement negotiations, briefing, and oral arguments. Presented 45 appellate oral arguments, including 5 to the Illinois Supreme Court and 40 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit or the Illinois Appellate Court, First District. Became an expert in a wide range of substantive legal issues, including state and federal constitutional law, torts, employment, administrative review, zoning matters, municipal and building code violations, and section 1983 actions.

#### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago Staff Attorney, 2000-2002**

Provided direct legal services to people living in poverty with legal issues involving subsidized housing and eviction, family law, domestic violence, foreclosure, employment discrimination, unemployment insurance, consumer protection, and public benefits. Appeared weekly in the Circuit Court of Cook County for court proceedings, including oral arguments.

#### **U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch Trial Attorney, Washington, D.C., 1999-2000**

Represented the United States, federal agencies, and government officials in U.S. District Courts around the country, including in challenges to the constitutionality of statutes and administrative actions.

#### **The Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, Chief Judge U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Law Clerk, Houston, Texas, 1998-1999**

**The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr.**  
**U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York**  
**Law Clerk, New York, New York, 1997-1998**

## **Education**

**Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York, J.D., May 1997**

**Honors:** Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98

**Columbia Law Review:** Writing & Research Editor

**Publication:** Note, *Gender-Motivated Violence and the Commerce Clause: The Civil Rights Provision of the Violence Against Women Act after Lopez*, 96 Colum. L. Rev. 1876 (1996)

**Other Activities:** Domestic Violence Project, Chairperson

**New York University, New York, New York, B.A., May 1993**, in English/American Literature & Sociology, with Women's Studies minor

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa; degree awarded *magna cum laude* and with departmental honors in English/American Literature; Dean's Circle Scholarship Program

## **Bar Admissions and Bar Associations**

Admitted to Illinois (2000); New York (1998); U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Fifth Circuits; and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Member of Chicago Bar Association (2011-present); Illinois State Bar Association (2016-present); Women's Bar Association of Illinois (2017-present); and Appellate Lawyers Association (2017-present).

## **Civic and Community Involvement**

**High Jump** – Currently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and volunteer for organization providing intensive academic enrichment, support, and counseling to low-income middle school students.

**Columbia Law School Social Justice Initiatives** – Currently serve as regional advisor for CLS students and graduates interested in government or public interest careers in the Chicago area.

**Chicago Sinai Congregation** – Member of Jewish reform temple and volunteer for the temple's social justice initiatives.

**Stand Up For Kids Chicago** – Volunteered with my son for organization providing outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth.

**Other Involvement** – Active volunteer at my children's schools; recently was trained to present Illinois Judges Association's in-school program, Your Future – Your Choice, about our justice system and how it applies to teenagers; contributor to and volunteer for Lakeview Pantry, among other causes.

## **Bar Association Ratings**

Found qualified or recommended by all bar associations.