

Carole Kamin BELLOWS

Present Judicial Duties

1987-Present: Judge, Circuit Court, Domestic Relations, Preliminary Motion, Judges Team Head for Team D

Previous Judicial Duties

1986-1987: Trial Judge, Domestic Relations Division

Appointed Circuit Court Judge in 1986; elected in 1988.

Evaluation

1988 (D) Primary and General Elections – Circuit Court: Qualified

Judge Bellows was in private practice for many years, and she was a leader in the Illinois State and American Bar Associations. She was appointed to the Circuit Court in 1986 and has been serving in the Domestic Relations Division. While several attorneys have expressed the hope that she will become more decisive as she receives additional experience on the bench, Judge Bellows receives very high marks for her demeanor, fairness, hard work and respect for attorneys and litigants. The Council finds Judge Bellows to be qualified.

11/94 Retention – Circuit Court: Qualified

Carole Bellows, 59, has been a judge since 1986, when she was appointed to the Circuit Court. She has served in the Domestic Relations Division, where she currently is a team leader hearing pre-trial matters. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was in private practice for many years. She is a former President of the Illinois State Bar Association and was active in the American Bar Association.

Judge Bellows is described as very hard working, temperate, and fair. Her knowledge of the law is said to be good and she writes frequently. The Council finds her Qualified.

11/00 Retention – Circuit Court: Well Qualified

Carole Kamin Bellows, 65, was first appointed to the Circuit Court in 1986 and was elected to office in 1988 and 1994. She has served her entire career in the Domestic Relations Division, and presently serves as a team leader hearing pretrial matters. Before reaching the bench, Judge Bellows had 26 years of experience as a Clerk to the Illinois Court of Claims and as partner at Bellows & Bellows; Reuben & Proctor; and Isham, Lincoln & Beale. Judge Bellows was previously found qualified by the Council in each of her prior runs for office. During the Alliance investigation, contacts reported high marks for her knowledge of the law, sensitivity, temperament, diligence and impartiality. She is especially adept at obtaining settlements of difficult cases. In recognition of her continued growth in the job, the Council finds Judge Bellows Well Qualified.

2006 Retention – Circuit Court: Qualified

Hon. Carole Kamin Bellows was first appointed to the Circuit Court in 1986 and was elected to office in 1988. She has served her entire career in the Domestic Relations Division, and presently serves as a team leader hearing pretrial matters. Before reaching the bench, Judge Bellows had 26 years of experience as a Clerk to the Illinois Court of Claims and as partner at Bellows & Bellows; Reuben & Proctor; and Isham, Lincoln & Beale. Judge Bellows is reported to have good legal ability and temperament. She is respected for her diligence and knowledge of the law. The Council finds her Qualified.

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