

Deborah M. DOOLING

Present Judicial Duties

Judge, Circuit Court, Law Division

Previous Judicial Duties

1992-1997: Judge, Circuit Court, Criminal Division

Elected to the Circuit Court in 1992.

Evaluation

3/90 (D) Circuit Court: Qualified

Deborah Mary Dooling was admitted to practice law in 1978. She has served as an Assistant State's Attorney since 1980. Ms. Dooling is considered to be a competent, hard-working prosecutor, with good legal ability. The Council has received a few reports questioning whether she has been unfair to opponents. Most lawyers, however, find her to be fair. On balance, therefore, the Council finds her Qualified.

1992 Primary & General Elections – Circuit Court Qualified

Deborah Dooling, 37, was admitted to practice in 1978. She has served as an Assistant State's Attorney since 1980. Ms. Dooling is considered to be a competent, hard-working lawyer with adequate legal ability.

In 1990, Ms. Dooling was elected to the Circuit Court in an election that was subsequently invalidated for technical reasons. At that time, the Council received reports that Ms. Dooling had been unfair to opponents in litigation. Because most lawyers found her to be fair, the Council rated her qualified. While the Council still has some questions concerning Ms. Dooling's legal ability and fairness, it finds her Qualified, based on the majority of the reports it has received.

11/98 Retention – Circuit Court: Qualified

Deborah Dooling, 43, was elected to the bench in 1992 after a career as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney. She has spent most of her judicial career doing criminal work. In June 1997 she was transferred to the Law Division. She has good legal ability and a good temperament. Some defense counsel say she was too state-minded when she was hearing criminal law cases – that she was too quick to adopt the prosecutors' views of the cases. However, civil practitioners say she has successfully made the transition to the Law Division and that she is a solid jurist. The Council finds her Qualified for retention.

11/04 Retention Election, Circuit Court: Qualified

Deborah Dooling was elected to the bench in 1992 after a career as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney. She has spent most of her judicial career doing criminal work. In June 1997 she was transferred to the Law Division. She has good legal ability and a good temperament, and, in general, is considered to be a solid jurist. The Council finds her Qualified for retention.

2006 Primary Election – Appellate Court: Qualified

Hon. Deborah Mary Dooling was elected to the bench in 1992 after a career as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney. She was transferred to the Law Division in 1997, after spending the beginning of her judicial career presiding over criminal matters. She has been the Supervising Judge of the Surety Section since 2003. Judge Dooling is considered to be an excellent trial judge with good legal ability and temperament. She has judicial experience in both civil and criminal law matters. The Council finds her Qualified for the Appellate Court.

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