

John J. FLEMING

Present Judicial Duties

Judge, Circuit Court, Criminal Division

Previous Judicial Duties

1996-1998: Judge, Circuit Court, First Municipal District

Elected to the Circuit Court in 1996.

Evaluation

3/96 Primary Election, Circuit Court: Not Qualified

John J. Fleming, 40, has been practicing law for 14 years. He is currently Director of Administrative Adjudication, Administrative Hearings, for the City of Chicago. He spent one year as a solo practitioner and three years with the Chicago Park District as Deputy General Attorney, Litigation Supervisor. He was an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney for eight years. We have received significant reports that Mr. Fleming lacks a responsible attitude and good judgment in his work. The Council finds him Not Qualified.

11/02 Retention – Circuit Court: Qualified

Hon. John J. Fleming was elected to the Circuit Court in 1996, and has been assigned to the Criminal Division as a floater since 2001. From 1998 to 2001, he was assigned to the Narcotics Preliminary Hearing call and Central Bond Court. His first assignment as a judge was to the First Municipal District, Traffic Court. As a floater, Judge Fleming temporarily substitutes for judges who – by reason of illness, vacation or schedule conflicts – cannot hear their regularly assigned matters. In this position, Judge Fleming typically handles a large volume of cases on a daily basis, but has little continuity of contact with any of them. Perhaps because of this lack of continuity, the Council has received very few reports from lawyers who regularly appear before Judge Fleming. The available information suggests that Judge Fleming handles his assignment efficiently, that he has good legal ability and temperament, and that he is fair and unbiased. We therefore find him Qualified for retention.

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