

Robert E. GORDON

Present Judicial Duties

Justice, Appellate Court, First District, Sixth Division

Previous Judicial Duties

2003-2006: Judge, Circuit Court, Law Division, Jury Section; 1996-2003: Judge, Circuit Court, First Municipal District

Appointed Circuit Court Judge in 1996; elected to the Circuit Court in 2002; appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court in 2006.

Evaluation:

1998 Primary & General Elections – Circuit Court: Qualified

Judge Robert E. Gordon was appointed to the bench by the Illinois Supreme Court in August 1996. He has served in Traffic Court and now serves in the First Municipal District. Before taking the bench, he was a litigator in private practice for 34 years. Judge Gordon is considered to have good legal ability and is fair to all parties appearing before him. His temperament on the bench has been reported to be good although a few attorneys report that as a practitioner, Judge Gordon did not always control his temper when dealing with other attorneys. He is considered to be a good judge. The Council finds Judge Gordon to be qualified.

2002 Primary & General Elections – Circuit Court: Qualified

The Honorable Robert E. Gordon was appointed to the bench by the Illinois Supreme Court in August 1996. Judge Gordon sat in Traffic Court during 1996-97. He is currently assigned to the First Municipal District, where he hears civil jury trials; he also hears Forcible Detainer matters two days each week. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1962. As a judge, he is regarded as having an excellent knowledge of law and procedure. He has a strong work ethic, disposes of cases efficiently, and has dramatically reduced the backlog of cases that confronted him when he was assigned to his current posting. Attorneys frequently commend him for his informal efforts to educate inexperienced lawyers who appear before him. Attorneys who have tried cases before Judge Gordon generally believe he is fair. A frequent criticism of Judge Gordon is that he is arrogant and quick to remind attorneys of his own knowledge and experience. Although these criticisms give the Council some pause, on balance the Council believes that Judge Gordon's legal knowledge, his efforts to mentor young lawyers, his work ethic, and his productivity outweigh these concerns. The Council finds Judge Gordon Qualified.

2005 Evaluation for Appointment to the Illinois Appellate Court: Qualified

Robert E. Gordon was appointed to the bench by the Illinois Supreme Court in 1996, after a long career as a litigator. He served as a jury trial judge in the Municipal Division from 1997 to 2003. Since 2003 he has served as a jury trial judge in the Law Division. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1962. He is regarded as having excellent knowledge of law and procedure. He has a strong work ethic and has been commended for his informal efforts to educate inexperienced lawyers who appear before him. The Council finds him Qualified for the Appellate Court.

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