

LGBT judges seek fairness on the bench

As part of our Windy City Times criminal justice series, we wanted to provide a look at the openly LGBT judges in the Chicago area. This region has come a long way since 1994, when Tom Chiola was elected as the first openly gay person to win any office in Illinois.

The Alliance of Illinois Judges is the professional networking

organization founded by the LGBT Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County. It is open to all Judges (gay and straight) throughout the State of Illinois. While most of the LGBT Judges reside in Cook County, there is an openly gay judge in Kane County. For more information about the Alliance go to <http://theaij.com>.

Below is an alphabetical listing of the openly LGBT judges in this area. Some work in the civil courts, others in the criminal system. Note, Eileen Brewer chose not to have her photo with this article.

Eileen M. Brewer

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Law Division, Motion Judge

Brewer preferred not to be pictured due to the nature of her work.

Photos by Hal Baim, in addition to photos provided by the judges.



Cheryl D. Cesario

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Probate Division



Tom Chiola

Retired after 15 years as Circuit
Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook
County



John G. Dalton

Circuit Judge, Circuit Court of Kane
County (16th Judicial District)
Civil Division



John H. Ehrlich

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Chancery Division



Sophia H. Hall

Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of
Cook County, Juvenile Justice and
Child Protection Department



Nancy Katz

Associate Judge, Circuit Court of
Cook County
Domestic Relations Division



Stuart Katz

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Juvenile Justice Division



Patricia Logue

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Domestic Relations Division



Noreen V. Love

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
4th Municipal District



Mike McHale

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Criminal Division



Sebastian T. Patti

Presiding Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Domestic Violence Division



Sherry Pethers

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
1st Municipal District, Civil Litigation



Mary Colleen Roberts

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Criminal Division



Mary M. Rowland

Federal Magistrate Judge
Unites States District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois



Andrea M. Schleifer

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Domestic Relations Division



Colleen F. Sheehan

Circuit Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Juvenile Justice Division



James E. Snyder

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
1st. Municipal District, Supervising
Judge, Civil Jury Division



Mary Susan Trew

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Domestic Relations Division



Lori M. Wolfson

Associate Judge,
Circuit Court of Cook County
Juvenile Justice Division