




ILARJ

Illinois Alliance for Reentry & Justice



2024 Voter Guide

March 19th Primary

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The Illinois Alliance for Reentry & Justice (ILARJ) is the network facilitator building an ecosystem of currently and formerly incarcerated people, directly and indirectly impacted persons, service providers, advocates, other stakeholders, and allies united in the collective work of reimagining and remaking justice. Our strength is in the 360 degree perspective offered by our partners. We are proud to count over one hundred individuals and organizations as partners from every region in our state.

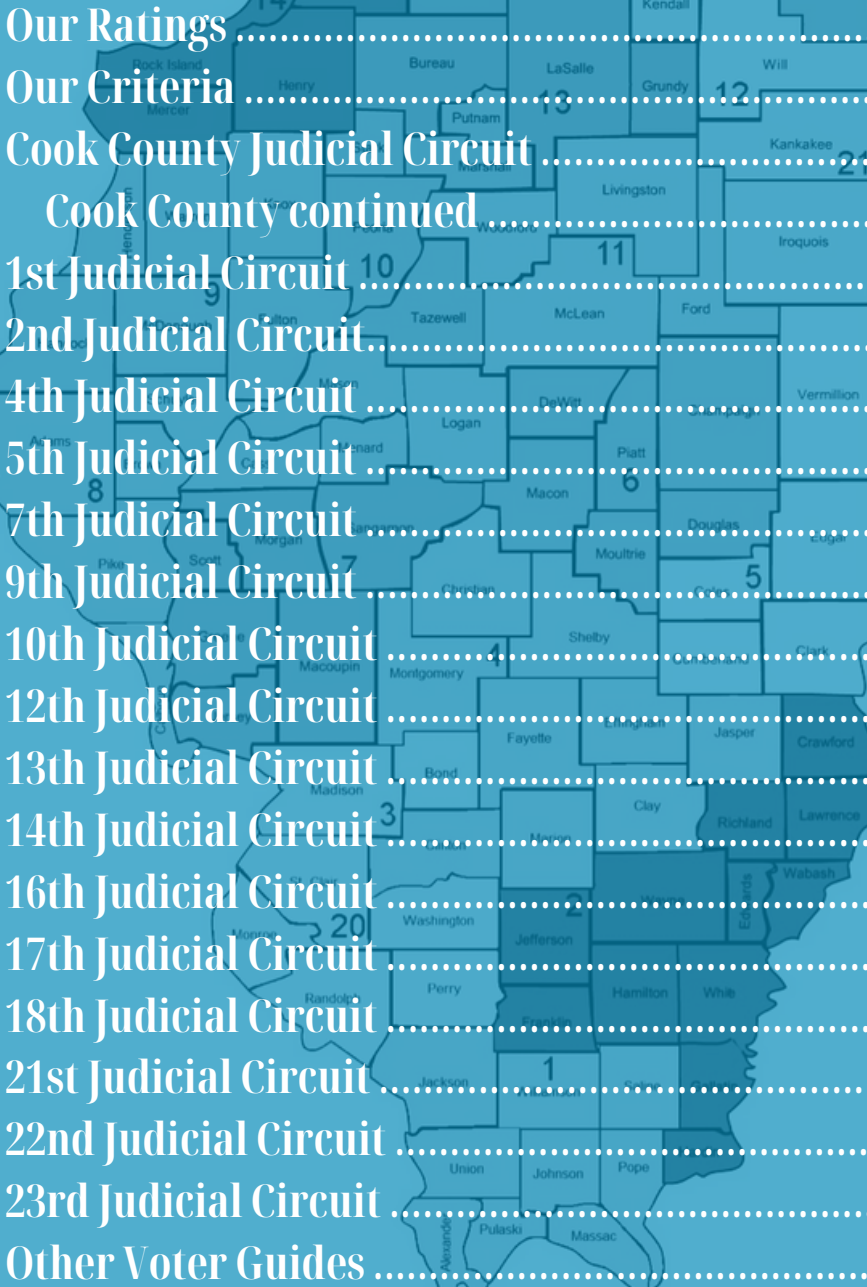
In conjunction with our work around remaking the criminal legal system, we created and launched our Judicial Accountability Initiative whereby we asked and rated candidates about their willingness to:

- Recognize that the judiciary contributed to the devastation of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and poor communities.
- Recognize that each elected judge has an individual role in repairing that harm through their courtrooms and the system writ large.
- Recognize that they must be directly accountable to the communities they serve.
- Develop a plan to meet their roles and responsibility.

Our demand is that the judiciary does more to actively repair the harm it caused resulting in the devastation of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low wealth communities. Unfortunately, many candidates and current judges cannot imagine how they and the judiciary can disrupt the ongoing disproportionate mistreatment of Black, Brown, Indigenous and low wealth communities. This remains the case, despite the fact that the current approach of only attempting to be “impartial” on a case-by-case basis has had very little impact on repairing the harm it has played an outsized role in causing. Many do not take our inquiry seriously. Yet we will persist in asking more of our judiciary. Our communities deserve nothing less.

The rating results are compiled in this Voter Guide.

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Our Ratings

The candidates were asked several questions, each with a maximum number of points allowed per answer. An average of the total points awarded to that candidate was used to determine the rating provided. Those ratings are:

 **Exceeds Our Min Criteria**

 **Meets Our Min Criteria**

 **Does Not Meet Our Min Criteria**

Our Criteria



Recognize Role Judiciary Played in Devastation

To receive the highest score for this criterion, the candidate needed to display a consistent understanding and acknowledgment of the role the judiciary played in the devastation of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and poor communities.



Recognize Individual Role Judges Must Play in the Repair

To receive the highest score for this criterion, the candidate needed to display an acknowledgement of the role they can play in repairing the harm caused by the judiciary not just on a case-by-case basis.



Recognize Judges Have Direct Accountability to Community

To receive the highest score for this criterion, the candidate needed to display an acknowledgement of their direct accountability to the community including protecting the community from the ongoing devastation meted out by the Executive Branch with assistance from the Judicial Branch.



Develop Plan for Accountability

To receive the highest score for this criterion, the candidate needed to articulate specific plans, practices, and/or procedures they will implement to ensure that they, individually and the system writ large, are accountable directly to the community and acts as a specific “check on” and “balance to” the Executive Branch.

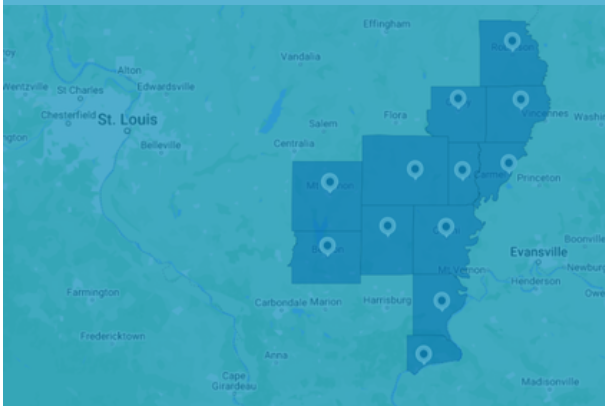


1st Circuit

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Melissa Presser

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

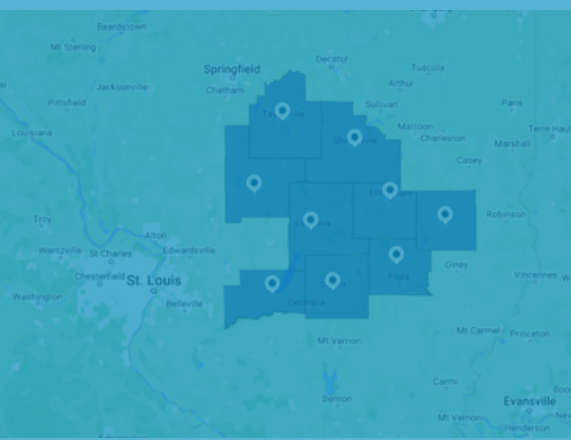


2nd Circuit

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Bryan Drew
Jim Giacone
Aaron M Hopkins
Vanessa Minson-Minor

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
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Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

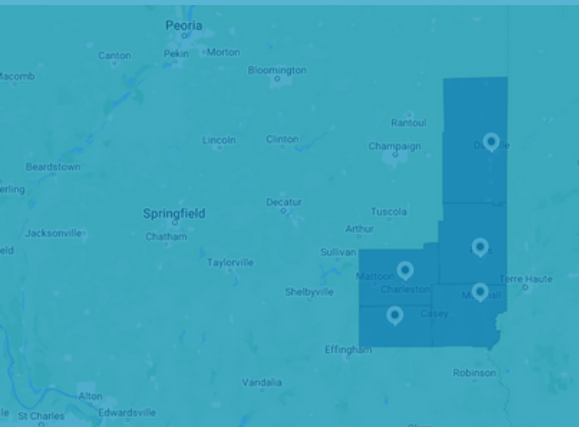


4th Circuit

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Dennis Atteberry
Doug Gruenke
Christopher Hantla
Bryant Hitchings

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
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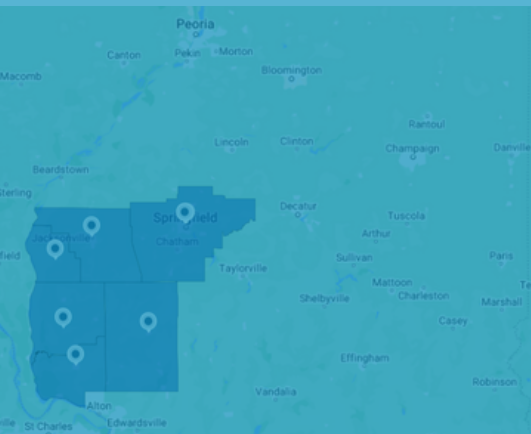


5th Circuit

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Mark S Goodwin

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

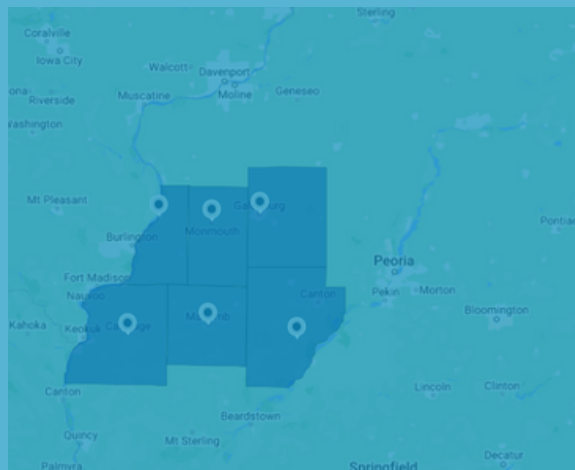


7th Circuit

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Aaron E Bellm
Thomas Denby
Jono Verticchio

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
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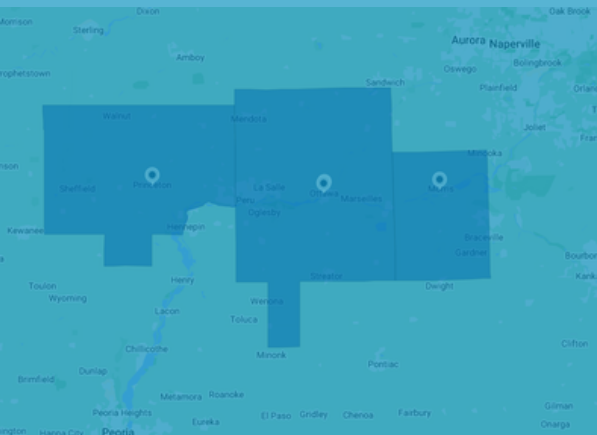


9th Circuit

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Nigel D Graham

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

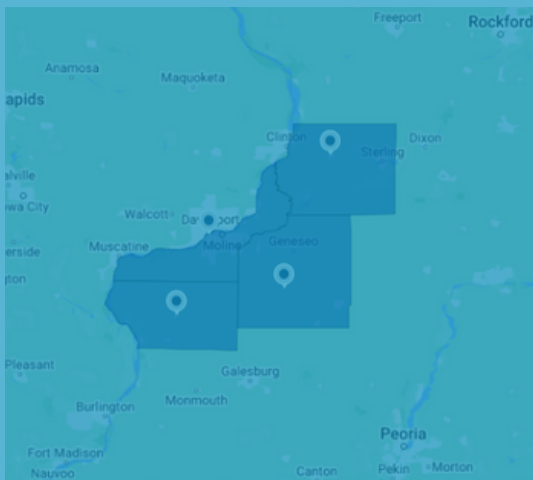


13th Circuit

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Geno J Caffarini
Todd L Martin
John D Peacock

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14th Circuit

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Daniel P Dalton

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

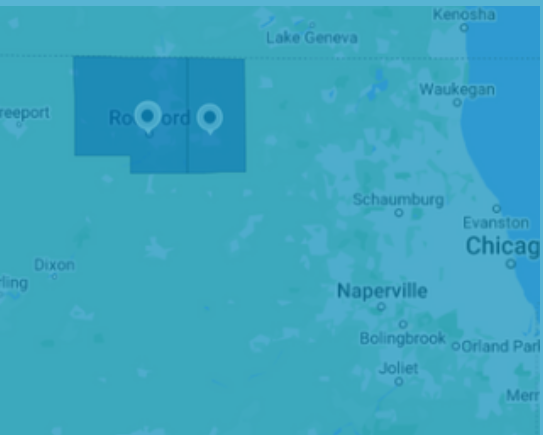


16th Circuit

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Junaid Afeef
Kimberly DiGiovanni
David Kliment
Sandra Parga
Julio Cesar Valdez

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
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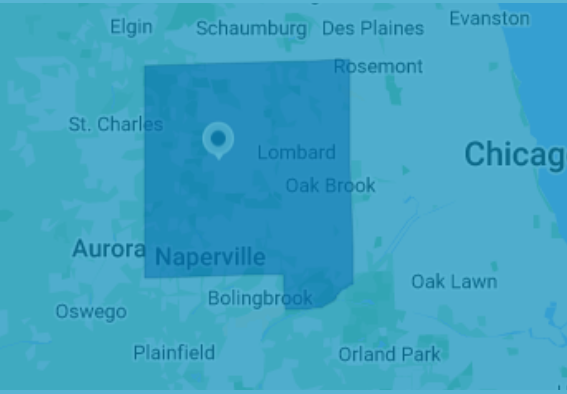


17th Circuit

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Erik Karl Jacobs
Nicholas O Meyer

Meets Min Criteria
Meet Min Criteria*

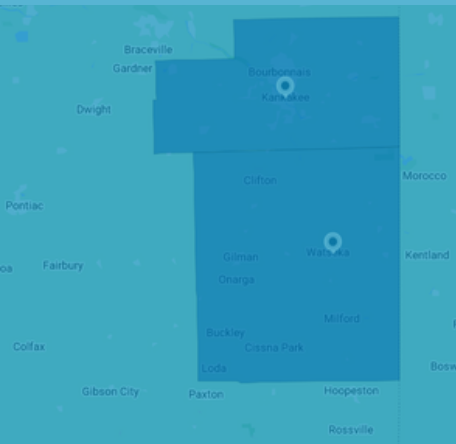


18th Circuit

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Jennifer Barron
Christine Cody
Sadia Covert
Luke Dussman
Jae Kwon
Hope F Mercado
Chantelle Porter
Keith E “Chuck” Roberts, Jr
Leah Danielle Setzen

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
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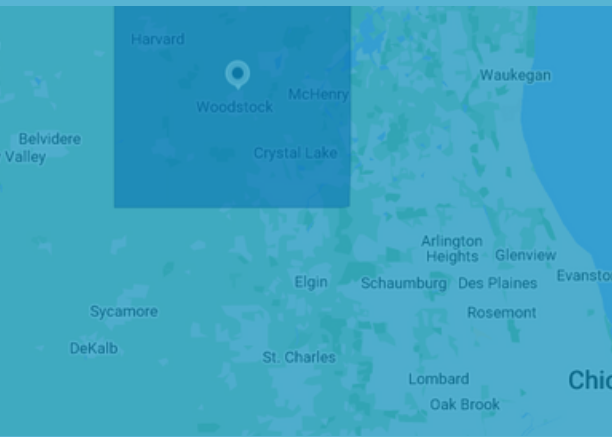


21st Circuit

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Marlow A Jones

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

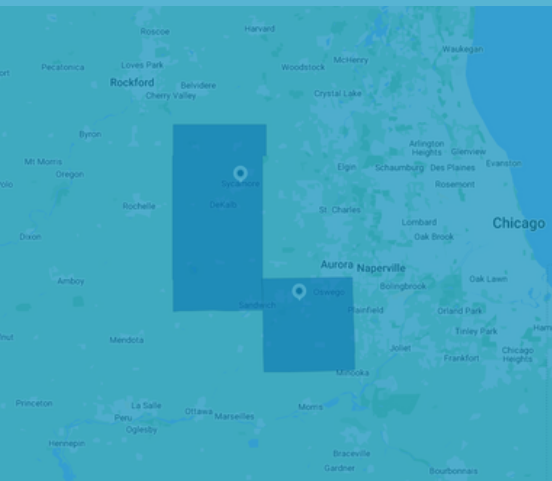


22nd Circuit

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Jennifer L Johnson
Suzanne C Mangiamele

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*
Does Not Meet Min Criteria*



23rd Circuit

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John McAdams

Does Not Meet Min Criteria*

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