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I am a trial court judge in Lake County, currently assigned to the Criminal Division. I have been “Highly Recommended” by the Illinois State Bar Association and DuPage County Bar Association, as well as rated “Highly Qualified” by the Lake County Bar Association. I am a former felony prosecutor and won jury verdicts in multi-million dollar trials, while also advocating and winning appeals before the 1st and 2nd District Appellate Courts of Illinois, as well as the federal 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am running for Appellate Court because I believe I can bring a unique perspective and experience to the court that reviews the trial courts. Before I ever became a judge, I had diverse, real-world experience. I grew up working class and made the most of the opportunity to attend law school on a scholarship, making the law review, then working for 25 years as a lawyer fighting for people who were victims of crime, victims of negligence, victims of fraud, and victims of systems that overlooked and marginalized them, like children with disabilities.

For many years, I was deeply involved in volunteer work advocating for children and families affected by developmental disabilities; I was the Legislative Director of the Autism Society of Illinois from 2003 to 2009, organizing and speaking statewide, drafting legislation, and leading the passage of many bills and programs to help persons with disabilities obtain health insurance, home and community-based services, and educational access, among others.

I am endorsed by Personal PAC, the Illinois Coalition of Frontline Police Officers and its 20,000 members, the Illinois Association of Firefighters, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, all of the building trades councils of the district, the AFL-CIO, and many more organizations and leaders representing working families and women’s rights .

I believe I have a unique background and perspective, having written laws, enforced criminal law as a prosecutor, advocated on various sides of diverse cases in different areas of civil law, and, finally, interpreted and applied the law as a judge. I will bring these attributes to the Appellate Court to ensure that fair and correct decisions are made and proper precedents set to ensure people’s rights under the law .
