

# BENCHMARK

## JUDICIAL VOTING GUIDE

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### November 2018 General Election Recommendations

#### Contested November 2018 Judicial Races (northern, northwest, and southwest suburban Cook County only)

##### 12th Subcircuit - Maki Vacancy

121 Joel Chupack (D)  
122 David Studenroth (R)

##### 13th Subcircuit - Crane Vacancy

121 Ketki “Kay” Steffen (D)  
122 Gary William Seyring (R)

##### 13th Subcircuit - Lawrence Vacancy

124 Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald (R)

##### 13th Subcircuit - O'Donnell Vacancy

125 Samuel J. Betar, III (D)

##### 15th Subcircuit - Zelezinski Vacancy

122 Scott McKenna (D)

In the interest of a fair application of its criteria, Benchmark leaves it to voters in the Maki and Crane Vacancy races to choose based either on the nuances within positive ratings (see page 7 of the results from the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening for details; the Chicago Bar Association rates Joel Chupack “highly qualified” and David Studenroth, Ketki “Kay” Steffen, and Gary William Seyring “qualified;” source URLs below) or on party affiliation.

#### November 2018 Retention Races

205	Kathy M. Flanagan	Vote NO
217	Catherine Marie Haberkorn	Vote NO
219	James M. Varga	Vote NO
227	Maura Slattery Boyle	Vote NO
231	Matthew E. Coghlan	Vote NO
275	Andrea M. Schleifer	Vote NO
283	Lionel Jean-Baptiste	Vote NO
314	Lisa Ann Marino	Vote NO

**Please vote YES on all the rest.**

#### Benchmark Criteria:

- at least RECOMMENDED or QUALIFIED by ALL Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening groups and the Chicago Bar Association;
- at least 15 years in law practice;
- analysis of write-ups from the Chicago Council of Lawyers, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association

#### Sources:

Alliance: <https://tinyurl.com/Alliance2018Gen>  
CBA: <https://tinyurl.com/CBA2018Gen>