

ILLINOIS

The Territory of Illinois won statehood in 1818, and the following year was organized as a single district.¹ Organized initially as a single district, it was divided into the Northern and Southern Districts in 1855,² with the Eastern District added fifty years later.³ In 1978, the Illinois district courts were reorganized into the Northern, Central and Southern Districts with thirteen judgeships for the former and two each for the latter two districts.⁴ To accomplish this, IL.SD.01, IL.ED.02, IL.SD.03, and IL.ED.01 became IL.CD.01 through 03, and IL.SD.02, respectively.

IL.ND.01 is the original Illinois judgeship (see Judge Pope’s succession line), and served the entire state until the 1855 reorganization. IL.ED.02 (subsequently IL.CD.02), a transient line created in 1922, was converted to permanent in 1930.⁵ IL.ND.03 was created as a temporary line in 1922 and converted six years later.⁶ IL.ND.07 was created this same way in 1940, and Judge Wilkerson’s subsequent retirement the same year ended, by statutory dictate, IL.ND.02. IL.ND.22, also a temporary line created in 1984, was converted by the 1990 omnibus judgeship legislation.⁷ IL.SD.06 and IL.CD.04 were both created as temporary by the latter,⁸ and were converted to permanent judgeships in 2002.⁹

Illinois is a member of the Seventh Circuit, and has thirty judgeships distributed as follows: twenty-two in the Northern District, and four each in the Central and Southern Districts.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>

¹Act of March 3, 1819, 3 STAT. 502.

²Act of February 13, 1855, 10 STAT. 606.

³Act of March 3, 1905, 33 STAT. 992.

⁴Act of October 2, 1978, 92 STAT. 883; Act of November 2, 1978, 92 STAT. 2458. The implementation of the reorganization was specified in the Act of March 30, 1979, 93 STAT. 6. For additional information see Senate Report No. 96-34, *Technical Amendments to the Federal District Court Organization Act of 1978*, 96th Congress, 1st Session.

⁵Act of July 3, 1930, 46 STAT. 1006.

⁶By the Act of May 29, 1928, 45 STAT. 974.

⁷Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089.

⁸Later legislation (Act of October 6, 1997, 111 STAT. 1173) extended the time after which a vacancy on these courts could not be filled from five to ten years from the confirmation date of the judge(s). (See Judges Paul E. Riley and Joe B. McDade).

⁹Act of November 2, 2002, 116 STAT. 1758.

IL.CD.04	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
IL.ED.01	Act of March 3, 1905	33 STAT. 992
IL.ED.02	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 837
IL.ND.01	Act of March 3, 1819	3 STAT. 502
IL.ND.02	Act of March 3, 1905	33 STAT. 992
IL.ND.03	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 837
IL.ND.04	Act of February 25, 1931	46 STAT. 1417
IL.ND.05	Act of February 25, 1931	46 STAT. 1417
IL.ND.06	Act of May 31, 1938	52 STAT. 585
IL.ND.07	Act of May 24, 1940	54 STAT. 219
IL.ND.08	Act of August 14, 1950	64 STAT. 443
IL.ND.09	Act of August 14, 1950	64 STAT. 443
IL.ND.10	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
IL.ND.11	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
IL.ND.12	Act of March 18, 1966	80 STAT. 75
IL.ND.13	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
IL.ND.14	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
IL.ND.15	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
IL.ND.16	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
IL.ND.17	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
IL.ND.18	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.ND.19	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.ND.20	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.ND.21	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.ND.22	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.ND.23	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089

IL.SD.01	Act of February 13, 1855	10 STAT. 606
IL.SD.03	Act of February 20, 1931	46 STAT. 1196
IL.SD.04	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
IL.SD.05	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
IL.SD.06	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089

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<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
IL.CD.01.02 ¹⁰	Mihm, Michael Martin	August 5, 1982	Active	Active	Republican
IL.CD.02.02 ¹¹	McCuskey, Michael P.	April 2, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.CD.03.02 ¹²	Mills, Richard H.	July 19, 1985	October 7, 1997	Retired	Republican
IL.CD.03.03	Scott, Jeanne E.	October 21, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.CD.04.01	McDade, Joe B.	November 21, 1991	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ED.01.01	Wright, Francis Marion	March 17, 1905	July 15, 1917	Deceased	Republican
IL.ED.01.02	English, George W.	May 3, 1918	November 4, 1926	Resigned	Democrat

¹⁰Transferred from IL.SD.01.08.

¹¹Transferred from IL.ED.02.04.

¹²Transferred from IL.SD.03.04.

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IL.ED.01.03	Wham, Fred Louis	March 1, 1927	March 3, 1956	Retired	Republican
IL.ED.01.04	Juergens, William G.	June 21, 1956	April 26, 1972	Retired	Republican
IL.ED.01.05 ¹³	Foreman, James L.	March 2, 1972	June 1, 1992	Retired	Republican
IL.ED.02.01	Lindley, Walter C.	September 22, 1922	October 13, 1949	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.ED.02.02	Platt, Casper	October 12, 1949	September 16, 1965	Deceased	Democrat
IL.ED.02.03	Wise, Henry S.	September 20, 1966	March 31, 1978	Retired	Democrat
IL.ED.02.04 ¹⁴	Baker, Harold A.	September 22, 1978	October 4, 1994	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.01.01	Pope, Nathaniel	March 3, 1819	January 23, 1850	Deceased	Jeffersonian Democrat
IL.ND.01.02	Drummond, Thomas	February 19, 1850	December 22, 1869	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Whig
IL.ND.01.03	Blodgett, Henry Williams	January 11, 1870	December 5, 1892	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.01.04	Grosscup, Peter Stenger	December 20, 1892	January 23, 1899	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.ND.01.05	Kohlsaar, Christian Cecil	February 28, 1899	March 18, 1905	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican

¹³Transferred to IL.SD.02.01.

¹⁴Transferred to IL.CD.02.01.

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IL.ND.01.06	Bethea, Solomon Hicks	March 18, 1905	August 3, 1909	Deceased	Republican
IL.ND.01.07	Carpenter, George Albert	January 11, 1910	June 30, 1933	Resigned	Republican
IL.ND.01.08	Holly, William Harrison	February 20, 1934 ¹⁵	December 31, 1943	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.01.09	LaBuy, Walter J.	March 29, 1944	January 31, 1961	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.01.10	Austin, Richard Bevan	August 15, 1961	October 10, 1975	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.01.11	Crowley, John P.	June 16, 1976	June 30, 1981	Resigned	Democrat
IL.ND.01.12	Hart, William Thomas	April 20, 1982	June 1, 1996	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.01.13	Pallmeyer, Rebecca R.	October 21, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.02.01	Landis, Kennesaw Mountain	March 18, 1905	March 1, 1922	Resigned	Republican
IL.ND.02.02	Wilkerson, James Herbert	July 18, 1922	December 31, 1940	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.03.01	Cliffe, Adam C.	December 22, 1922	June 12, 1928	Deceased	Republican
IL.ND.03.02	Woodward, Charles Edgar	March 2, 1929	May 15, 1942	Deceased	Republican
IL.ND.03.03	Shaw, Elwyn Riley	May 3, 1944	July 18, 1950	Deceased	Democrat
IL.ND.03.04	Perry, Joseph Samuel	August 21, 1951	November 29, 1971	Retired	Democrat

¹⁵Recess appointment, November 8, 1933.

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IL.ND.03.05	Bauer, William J.	November 8, 1971	December 20, 1974	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.ND.03.06	Kirkland, Alfred Y.	December 19, 1974	April 30, 1979	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.03.07	Kocoras, Charles Petros	September 29, 1980	June 30, 2006	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.03.08	Vacant				
IL.ND.04.01	Johnson, George E.Q.	Unconfirmed recess appointment ¹	March 4, 1933	Not confirmed	Republican
IL.ND.04.02	Sullivan, Phillip Leo	February 2, 1934 ¹⁷	June 12, 1960	Deceased	Democrat
IL.ND.04.03	Parsons, James B. ¹⁸	August 30, 1961	August 30, 1981	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.04.04	Plunkett, Paul E.	December 10, 1982	July 10, 1998	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.04.05	Kennelly, Matthew F.	April 15, 1999	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.05.01	Barnes, John Peter	March 2, 1931	September 15, 1957	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.05.02	Miner, Julius H.	February 25, 1958	March 13, 1963	Deceased	Republican
IL.ND.05.03	Marovitz, Abraham Lincoln	September 25, 1963	August 10, 1975	Retired	Democrat

¹⁶Recess appointment, August 3, 1932.

¹⁷Recess appointment, November 8, 1933.

¹⁸First African American district judge appointed from Illinois.

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IL.ND.05.04	Leighton, George N.	February 2, 1976	February 27, 1986	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.05.05	Alesia, James H.	May 19, 1987	February 1, 1998	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.05.06	Hibbler, William J.	April 15, 1999	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.06.01	Igoe, Michael L.	February 9, 1939 ¹⁹	August 31, 1965	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.06.02	Lynch, William J.	March 4, 1966	August 9, 1976	Deceased	Democrat
IL.ND.06.03	Bua, Nicholas J.	October 7, 1977	November 4, 1991	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.06.04	Castillo, Ruben ²⁰	May 6, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.07.01	Campbell, William Joseph	October 10, 1940	March 19, 1970	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.07.02	McMillen, Thomas R.	April 21, 1971	December 31, 1984	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.07.03	Conlon, Suzanne B.	February 19, 1988	April 17, 2004	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.07.04	Kendall, Virginia Mary	December 21, 2005	Active	Active	
IL.ND.08.01	Knoch, Win G.	May 13, 1953	August 21, 1958	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican

¹⁹Recess appointment, November 21, 1938.

²⁰First Hispanic district judge appointed from Illinois.

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IL.ND.08.02	Robson, Edwin A.	April 29, 1959 ²¹	April 16, 1975	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.08.03	Grady, John F.	November 20, 1975	May 23, 1994	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.08.04	Gettleman, Robert W.	October 7, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.09.01	Hoffman, Julius J.	May 13, 1953	February 3, 1972	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.09.02	McLaren, Richard W.	December 2, 1971	February 24, 1976	Deceased	Republican
IL.ND.09.03	Roszkowski, Stanley J.	October 7, 1977	December 5, 1990	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.09.04	Andersen, Wayne R.	November 15, 1991	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.10.01	Will, Hubert L.	September 21, 1961	April 23, 1979	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.10.02	Shadur, Milton Irving	May 21, 1980	June 25, 1992	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.10.03	Manning, Blanche M.	August 9, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.11.01	Decker, Bernard Martin	March 28, 1963 ²²	April 6, 1981	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.11.02	Nordberg, John Albert	April 20, 1982	June 18, 1994	Retired	Republican

²¹Recess appointment, September 29, 1958.

²²Recess appointment, December 12, 1962.

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IL.ND.11.03	Bucklo, Elaine F.	October 7, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.12.01	Napoli, Alexander J.	September 20, 1966	July 12, 1972	Deceased	Democrat
IL.ND.12.02	Marshall, Prentice Henry	July 13, 1973	October 19, 1988	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.12.03	Lindberg, George W.	November 3, 1989	June 21, 2001	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.12.04	St. Eve, Amy J.	August 1, 2002	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.13.01	Tone, Philip W.	December 2, 1971	May 14, 1974	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.ND.13.02	Flaum, Joel M.	December 18, 1974	May 5, 1983	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Independent
IL.ND.13.03	Rovner, Ilana Diamond	September 12, 1984	August 12, 1992	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.ND.13.04	Coar, David H.	October 6, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.14.01	McGarr, Frank J.	October 8, 1970	June 30, 1986	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.14.02	Zagel, James B.	April 21, 1987	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.15.01	Moran, James B.	July 23, 1979	June 30, 1995	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.15.02	Gottschall, Joan B.	July 25, 1996	Active	Active	Democrat

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IL.ND.16.01	Getzendanner, Susan C. ²³	September 29, 1980	September 30, 1987	Resigned	Independent
IL.ND.16.02	Marovich, George M.	March 31, 1988	January 2, 2000	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.16.03	Darrah, John W.	June 30, 2000	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.17.01	Aspen, Marvin E.	July 23, 1979	July 1, 2002	Retired	Democrat
IL.ND.17.02	Der-Yeghiayan, Samuel	July 14, 2003	Active	Active	
IL.ND.18.01	Williams, Ann C.	April 3, 1985	November 10, 1999	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Independent
IL.ND.18.02	Lefkow, Joan Humphrey	June 30, 2000	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.ND.19.01	Leinenweber, Harry Daniel	December 16, 1985	June 3, 2002	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.19.02	Filip, Mark R.	February 4, 2004	Active	Active	
IL.ND.20.01	Holderman, James F., Jr.	April 3, 1985	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.21.01	Duff, Brian Barnett	October 16, 1985	October 30, 1996	Retired	Republican
IL.ND.21.02	Guzman, Ronald A.	November 10, 1999	Active	Active	Democrat

²³First female district judge appointed from Illinois.

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IL.ND.22.01	Norgle, Charles R., Sr.	October 3, 1984	Active	Active	Republican
IL.ND.23.01	Reinhard, Philip Godfrey	February 6, 1992	Active	Active	Republican
IL.SD.01.01	Treat, Samuel Hubbel, Jr.	March 3, 1855	March 27, 1887	Deceased	Democrat
IL.SD.01.02	Allen, William Joshua	January 19, 1888 ²⁴	January 26, 1901	Deceased	Democrat
IL.SD.01.03	Humphrey, J. Otis	March 8, 1901	June 14, 1918	Deceased	Republican
IL.SD.01.04	FitzHenry, Louis	July 6, 1918	June 16, 1933	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Democrat
IL.SD.01.05	Major, James Earl	January 23, 1934	March 23, 1937	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Democrat
IL.SD.01.06	Adair, Jackson LeRoy	April 20, 1937	January 19, 1956	Deceased	Democrat
IL.SD.01.07	Mercer, Frederick O.	June 13, 1956	April 3, 1966	Deceased	Republican
IL.SD.01.08 ²⁵	Morgan, Robert D.	June 12, 1967	May 28, 1982	Retired	Republican

²⁴Recess appointment, April 18, 1887.

²⁵Transferred to IL.CD.01.01.

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IL.SD.02.02 ²⁶	Gilbert, John Phil	September 23, 1992	Active	Active	Republican
IL.SD.03.01	Briggle, Charles Guy	January 20, 1932	August 1, 1958	Retired	Republican
IL.SD.03.02	Poos, Omer	August 19, 1958	August 31, 1973	Retired	Republican
IL.SD.03.03	Wood, Harlington, Jr.	July 13, 1973	May 7, 1976	Elevated to Seventh Circuit	Republican
IL.SD.03.04 ²⁷	Ackerman, James Waldo	July 2, 1976	November 23, 1984	Deceased	Republican
IL.SD.04.01	Beatty, William L.	October 4, 1979	November 9, 1992	Retired	Democrat
IL.SD.04.02	Herndon, David R.	October 21, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.SD.05.01	Stiehl, William D.	June 13, 1986	November 30, 1996	Retired	Republican
IL.SD.05.02	Murphy, G. Patrick	April 2, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
IL.SD.06.01	Riley, Paul E.	October 6, 1994	December 10, 1999	Retired	Democrat
IL.SD.06.02	Reagan, Michael Joseph	October 3, 2000	Active	Active	Democrat

²⁶Transferred from IL.ED.01.05.

²⁷Transferred to IL.CD.03.01.