



**Judith A. Myers**  
**Merit Commissioner**

**Illinois Secretary of State's Merit Commission**

Judith A. Myers was appointed Commissioner for the Secretary of State's Merit Commission in 2004 and continues to serve on the special commission for the State of Illinois. Judith A. Myers is one of five appointed Commissioners. The Secretary of State's Merit Commission approves Personnel rules and actions under the Merit Employment Code. The commission also conducts hearings on the appeals of employees regarding position classifications and certain disciplinary actions taken against employees. The commission then enforces compliance with its decisions. No more than three of the five commission members may be affiliated with the same political party.

Judith A. Myers was born in Winamac, Indiana and graduated from Winamac High School. She continued her education and graduated from Purdue University earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Judith married Melvin D. Myers and together they have five children and eight grandchildren. Judith A. Myers and her spouse are members of St. James United Methodist Church Danville, Illinois.

Judith A. Myers began as a young mother performing community and political activist interventions in 1963; she continues, generating effective statements. Judith was elected Recorder of Deeds for Vermilion County Illinois in 1980 and served until 1997. During her significant work as Recorder of Deeds, Judith was President of the Illinois Association of Clerks and Recorders. In 1997, Judith A. Myers was appointed Illinois Senator of the 53<sup>rd</sup> District upon Babe Woodyard's sudden demise. Judith was then elected and continued as Senator of the 53<sup>rd</sup> District until retirement in 2002. During Illinois Senate office, Judith served on the Local Government Committee, Agriculture Committee, and performed as Vice Chair for the Executive Appointment Committee.

Judith A. Myers received A.A.U.W. Women of Distinction Award in 1981. She also received the Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction honor. Judith received the 1996 Athena Award (Woman of the Year) given by the Business & Professional Women, Oldsmobile, and Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Judith A. Myers is a member of Presence United Samaritans Medical Center Mission Committee, Danville District 118 Schools Foundation Board, and St. James Methodist Church Choir and Music Committee. Judith is Trustee for Lakeview College of Nursing Danville, Illinois.

Past activities include President League of Women Voters, President Danville Symphony Guild, Cancer Society Speaker, President Executive Club, Chairman Provena (Presence) United Samaritans Medical Center Board, and Center for Family Services Board Member.