

## **Judge Crowder installed as 3rd Vice President of Illinois Judges Association**

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CHICAGO - Madison County Circuit Court Judge Barbara Crowder was installed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President of the Illinois Judges Association during the annual meeting on June 1, 2018, at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago. The Illinois Judges Association, which represents 1,250 active and retired Illinois state court judges, was founded in 1972 to provide services, support, and education to its member judges and to improve public understanding of the Illinois judicial system.

Judge Crowder has been a judge for almost 20 years and previously served four terms on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Judges Association. She is a past President of the Illinois Judges Foundation and a current board member. Judge Crowder is also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and is chair of its Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council. She is a member of the Madison County Bar Association. Judge Crowder is the Chair of the Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono committee and cochair of its local Family Violence Prevention Council. She is a speaker for Illinois judicial education programs and at continuing legal education seminars for attorneys. Judge Crowder has received numerous awards. Most recently, she was named a Distinguished Alumni by the University of Illinois College of Law in April 2018 and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel presented her with a Distinguished Service Award in May of 2018.

The Illinois Judges Association also installed other new officers for 2018-19 at the annual meeting. They are: President, James E. Snyder, Cook County; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Judge (Ret.) Margaret J. Mullen, Lake County; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Judge Diane M. Shelley, Cook County; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Judge Barbara Crowder, Madison County; Secretary, Justice Eileen O'Neill Burke, 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate District and Treasurer, Justice David Overstreet, 5<sup>th</sup> Appellate District. For more information about the Illinois Judges Association, see <u>www.ija.org</u>.