

Friends of FRANK J. ANDREOU for Circuit Court Judge



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Bar Ratings:

Illinois State Bar Association – Highly Qualified

Decalogue Society of Lawyers – Highly Recommended

Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago – Highly Recommended

Chicago Bar Association – Qualified

Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area – Recommended

Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago – Recommended

Chicago Council of Lawyers – Qualified

Cook County Bar Association – Recommended

Hellenic Bar Association – Recommended

Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois – Qualified

Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois – Recommended

Women's Bar Association of Illinois – Recommended

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Judge, Law Division: July 17, 2023 to Present

I am currently assigned to the Jury Trial Section of the Law Division where I preside over cases involving medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury and wrongful death cases. Until May of 2024, I was assigned to the Motion Section and had over 1400 cases on my docket. The cases included complex litigation matters involving medical and professional malpractice, toxic tort, product liability, automobile liability, defamation cases and generally any case with a value exceeding \$50,000.00 in damages. I oversaw motion practice and discovery to certify the matters for trial.

Associate Judge, Second Municipal District, Skokie, Illinois: October, 2021, through July 17, 2023

While I was primarily assigned to traffic and misdemeanor cases, I also handled civil matters, preliminary hearings, bond hearings, domestic violence matters including civil orders of protection, officiated weddings and oversaw the issuance of arrest and search warrants. My calls were voluminous and several of the litigants were self-represented.

Associate Judge, First Municipal District, Traffic Division: January 6, 2020 through October 2021

Handled high volume traffic calls and misdemeanor DUI cases. During the pandemic, I was among the first judges to conduct court calls exclusively on Zoom. We managed enormous dockets on line as the courts had been closed for over 90 days and the backlog needed to be addressed.

Andreou & Casson, Ltd.: July 2, 2002, January 5, 2020

I was formerly the one-half equity holder of Andreou & Casson, Ltd., which was founded in July of 2002. I was a trial attorney with more than 60 jury trials to verdict. In my career, I have written more than 70 appellate briefs and have argued before the Illinois Appellate Court and 7th Circuit Appellate Court. I was the primary managing member on cases from intake to appeal. My areas of practice included personal injury (plaintiff and defense); employment (plaintiff and defense); and, commercial litigation (plaintiff and defense) I practiced in both federal and state court in both the trial and appellate courts, and also before administrative bodies like the EEOC and the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

Pretzel & Stouffer, Chtd.: November, 1999 to May, 2002

I was an associate attorney who assisted equity and income partners with preparing cases for trial in civil litigation; medical malpractice defense; general liability defense, and personal injury defense. I was assigned to perform work on all phases of civil trial practice.

Cook County State's Attorney's Office: November, 1995 to November, 1999

I was an Assistant States Attorney in Criminal Appeals, Juvenile Justice, and Felony Review In appeals, I drafted appellate briefs and argued before the Illinois Appellate Court. In Juvenile Justice, I was responsible for a trial call in both the "Abuse and Neglect" and "Delinquency" divisions. In Delinquency, I handled the criminal prosecution of minors and was assigned to special prosecutions where transfer hearings were held to transfer minors to adult court. In Felony Review, I worked with police detectives to determine if felony charges were appropriate after conducting an independent investigation consisting of witness interviews and interviews with suspects.

EDUCATION and HONORS

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, June 1995 (Dean's List)

John Marshall Moot Court: National Champions, Evans A. Evans Constitutional Law; Herzog competition (semifinalist)

Student Government: Elected to the position of Student Liaison to the Chicago Bar Association

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Bachelor of Liberal Arts, May 1992

(Major in Political Science; Minor in Economics)

Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science Honorary: National Champion University of Iowa Mock Trial; First Place: Purdue University Model UN

Legal Aid Volunteer: Intake cases for students and referred them to local attorneys for assistance

Campus Safety Volunteer: worked with university officials to make campus safer for students

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity: Chief Justice and Education Chairman

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Order of Themis 2023 For the first time ever, Judges of Hellenic Descent, have banded together to form an international organization dedicated to the preservation of judicial independence and philanthropy. I am an inaugural member in charge of enlarging our enrollment. We have presented a CLE on obtaining Greek Citizenship and in September, 2023, we joined the Justice Minister and members of the judiciary to discuss judicial reform for Greece.

Hellenic Bar Association from 1993 (student member) to the present: I am the current First Vice President, and Current co-chair of the Outreach Committee where I have presented eight Continuing Legal Education courses with topics ranging from Access to Justice for English as a second language, hearing impaired, and disabled litigants; Mental Health and Welfare for judges and attorneys; practice tips for hybrid Zoom/in-person proceedings from experienced judges for litigants; new attorney "boot camps" to hone trial skills in the age of Zoom; and have mentored many students as they choose their career paths.

Women's Bar Association of Illinois from 2014; Active member and sponsor of many events.

United States Supreme Court Bar Association: Admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar on April 4, 2013.

North Suburban Bar Association: 2022 through present I am currently a member of the Board of Directors. The NSBA is comprised of attorneys, judges and other legal professionals dedicated to professional networking and legal education.

Alliance of Illinois Judges (AIJ) 2020 to present The AIJ was formed by the Lesbian and Gay Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the AIJ's aim is to be a resource for fellow judges, the legal community, and provides mentors for LGBTQ+ law students.

Illinois Judicial Council (IJC) 2020 to present The IJC was formed in 1982 by a small group of African American judges and has invited all judges to join to provide members, the legal community and the community education about the legal process and striving to provide equal access to the courts and to justice.

Illinois Judges Association (IJA) 2020 to present Currently a member of the Board of Directors and a co-chair of the Health and Wellness Committee. The IJA consists of 1250 sitting and retired judges and supports judicial professional development, education and raises public awareness of the judiciary.

ELECTED POSITIONS

Northbrook District 27 Schoolboard: Elected in April of 2015 to January of 2020; I was responsible for the oversight of the budget and day-to-day operation of the three schools in the elementary district grades K through 8; I chaired of the Policy Committee and currently completed a redraft of the District's policies including those applicable to the accommodation of transgendered students and to prevent discrimination against those students. I also sat on the Northbrook Economic Development Committee to assess how economic issues in Northbrook and the State of Illinois can affect school funding and budgets.

Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church: I was elected to the Parish Council in November of 2014 and served through December of 2018; I was chairman of the Stewardship Committee; coach the high school basketball team and am a member of the choir.