

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

# Jeanne M. Wrenn

(BA '93, JD '01) • JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY



Jeanne Wrenn (BA '93, JD '01) is a full-circuit judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County. An accomplished attorney and leader, Judge Wrenn has more than 20 years of experience working as a public servant within the criminal justice system and public transportation industry.

Judge Wrenn earned her bachelor's degree in political science and theology at Loyola University Chicago, and later was awarded her juris doctor degree from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. As a circuit judge, Judge Wrenn presides over criminal cases, primarily related to domestic violence. Prior to her appointment and later election to the circuit in 2018, she was senior director and general counsel of the National Safety Council. She also served as ethics and EEO officer at Pace, the suburban bus division of Chicago's Regional Transit Authority. At Pace, Judge Wrenn was responsible for providing guidance on ethics issues involving a variety of subjects, including contract procurement, conflicts of interest, and governance matters. She conducted ethics training for employees and board members, maintained the revolving door policies, and monitored

compliance with state and federal regulations.

In 2003, Judge Wrenn began service as an executive assistant state's attorney, where she represented the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on several working groups, task forces, and expert panels on a wide array of criminal justice issues. She was instrumental in the CCSAO's work drafting and passing a comprehensive state-level human trafficking statute, a state RICO Act, the Valadez law, and the Offender Initiative Probation. Prior to joining the executive staff, Judge Wrenn prosecuted hundreds of cases within the Narcotics and Traffic divisions of the CCSAO.

In addition to her professional and judicial work, Judge Wrenn has extensive experience liaising with stakeholders to advance public policy and create new laws, and she has testified before joint Mass Transportation and Judiciary committees of the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives regarding public safety within the mass transportation arena.

Judge Wrenn is a member of the National Alumni Association Board at Loyola University Chicago, the Misericordia Women's Board, and the BUILD Chicago Board of Directors. In addition, she is a founder and member of the Concern Leadership Network & Women of Concern, the St. Ignatius Mission Center, and she is an active volunteer at ABC Pilsen. Judge Wrenn also serves as second vice president of the Celtic Legal Society of Chicago, and third vice president of the North Suburban Bar Association.