

## **Jerrod L. Williams**

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### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**The Honorable P. Scott Neville, Jr., Illinois Supreme Court**  
**Law Clerk, Chicago, IL** **January 25, 2021 – Present**

**The Honorable Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr., First District Appellate Court, Senior**  
**Law Clerk, Chicago, IL** **August 2013 – Present**

- Perform extensive legal research in a variety of legal arenas.
- Review the record, analyze the issues, and draft persuasive and thorough orders and opinions to dispose of cases on appeal.
- Utilize and gain knowledge of substantive and procedural civil, criminal, and administrative law.
- Develop legal argumentation and persuasive writing skills.

**Illinois Judicial College Committee on Judicial Branch Staff Education,**  
**Committee Member, Chicago, IL** **July 2017 – Present**

- Study principles of judicial and decision making philosophy in a complex and diverse legal system.
- Learn pedagogy and adult-learning principles.
- Provide subject matter insight and objectives for educational curriculum, course objectives, and course descriptions for appellate and circuit court law clerks, research staff, and the staff of the court's Reporter of Decisions.
- Draft and implement an education curriculum for appellate and circuit court clerks, research staff, and the staff of the court's Reporter of Decisions.

**The Honorable Mathias W. Delort, First District Appellate Court, Law**  
**Clerk, Chicago, IL** **March 2013 – August 2013**

- Executed all of the duties of a law clerk previously stated.
- Drafted orders to parties prior to final disposition.
- Prepared one bench memorandum on an issue of first impression in the First District.

**Office of the Illinois Attorney General, General Law Bureau, Assistant**  
**Attorney General, Springfield, IL** **June 2011 –**  
**March 2013**

- Defended Illinois government agencies and employees sued in their individual capacity in state and federal court against lawsuits alleging violations of state, federal, and constitutional rights in litigation-intensive Prisoner Litigation Unit.
- Defended suits filed by inmates and detainees under § 1983 taking sole responsibility

for all aspects of the litigation.

- Answered complaints, conducted discovery, performed legal research, and filed numerous successful dispositive motions.
- Argued in several hearings in state and federal court.
- Served as lead trial counsel in two jury trials in federal district court.

**The Honorable Mary W. McDade, Third District Appellate Court, Senior Law Clerk, Peoria, IL**

**May 2004 -- May 2011**

- Wrote numerous bench memoranda on cases for oral argument, first as a law clerk, then as senior law clerk.
- Drafted orders and published opinions disposing of cases on appeal in numerous different legal issues.
- Consulted with Justice McDade and co-clerk on the disposition of cases in addition to individual assignments.
- Analyzed issues and performed extensive legal research on the parties' arguments as well as other issues the parties failed to address or recognize.
- Gained extensive knowledge of substantive and procedural civil, criminal, and administrative law.

**Appellate Court of Illinois, Fourth District, Research Attorney, Springfield, IL**

**September 2002 -- May 2004**

- Researched and wrote memoranda of law on cases before the appellate court and drafted orders and opinions.
- Served every justice on the Fourth District appellate court in Springfield.
- Edited and cite-checked dispositions prepared by the justices' clerks and other Research Attorneys.

**Kane County State's Attorney's Office, 711 Prosecutor--D.U.I. Division, St. Charles, IL**

**January 2002 -- April 2002**

- Assisted in all aspects of courtroom operations in prosecutions for violations of state D.U.I. and traffic laws as an intern-prosecutor working under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711.
- Tried a bench trial and litigated multiple hearings on motions under supervision.

**EDUCATION:**

- **Northern Illinois University College of Law**, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2002
- **Florida A & M University**, Bachelor of Science—Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, April 1994

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS & AWARDS:**

- U.S. Office of Personnel Management Administrative Law Judge Register of Eligible

Candidates, Rating 65.03 (terminated)

- Alliance of Bar Associations on Judicial Screening: Found “Recommended” for selection as Cook County Circuit Court Judge (expires 2021).
- Chicago Bar Association: Found “Recommended” for selection as Circuit Court Judge (expires 2021).
- 2014-15 and 2015-16 CCBA President’s Award
- 2019 NIU College of Law Alumnus of the Year Award

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- Admitted Illinois Bar November 2002
- Admitted U.S. District Court, Central and Southern District

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- Jerrod L. Williams, *Casenote: Roth v. Illinois Farmers Insurance Co.*, App. L. Rev., Winter 2002-03, at 34.

Additional publications:

- As a judicial law clerk, I have written numerous opinions disposing of cases on appeal that have been published by the Illinois Appellate Court.
- As the Chairperson of the Rapid Response Committee for the Cook County Bar Association I have written several public statements and press releases that have been published in newspapers and in social media on the official accounts of the CCBA.
- I was the managing editor and have published articles in *Sidebar*, the newsletter of the CCBA.

#### **SERVICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION:**

- Subject Matter Editor: Illinois Legal Aid Online (post-conviction proceedings)
- President of the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) 2019-2020
- CCBA Vice President of Committees 2017-2018
- CCBA Vice President of Education and Information 2016-2017
- CCBA Judicial Evaluations Committee Chair 2015-2017
- CCBA Foundation Community Legal Services Committee Chair 2014-2016
- Joint Minority Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee Co-Chair

#### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

- Board of Directors of the South Austin Neighborhood Association (SANA)
- Project Developer/Manager: SANA Farm-to-Table Summer
- Austin Forward Together Quality of Life Plan Economic Development Committee Co-Chair