

Judge Rebecca Foley was appointed an Associate Circuit Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in 2004. She was elected Circuit Judge in 2012.

In 2008, Judge Foley helped to establish a Small Claims Mediation Program for self-represented litigants. The program assists persons without legal representation with resolving their court cases outside of court. It is believed to be the first of its kind in Illinois, as it utilizes non-lawyers as well as lawyers as mediators.

Judge Foley helped establish Recovery Court, a problem-solving court for persons with mental illness or co-occurring disorders involved in the criminal justice system. She was its presiding judge from 2010-2014.

She has a Bachelor of Science in News-Editorial Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and received her Juris Doctor from the DePaul University College of Law. She is currently assigned to hear civil, guardianship, miscellaneous remedy and mental health cases in McLean County.