

In September of 2022, Judge Don Knapp was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to complete the term of the Honorable Paul Lawrence. Judge Knapp was elected a short time later in the general election of 2022 to a full term as a Circuit Judge-At Large of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

Immediately prior to joining the judiciary, Judge Knapp worked for more than 8 years in the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. He served the last four years in that office as the McLean County State's Attorney where he was fortunate enough to lead a talented team of prosecutors who secured 11 guilty verdicts in a row in homicide trials.

Judge Knapp's tenure with the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court is not his first employment with the judiciary. After leaving State Farm's Special Investigative Unit, he served as an elbow clerk to Justice Daniel Schmidt of the Third District Appellate Court from 2002 until 2014. During that time, Judge Knapp not only wrote opinions and orders for the court but also taught various criminal justice and law related courses as an adjunct professor at Heartland Community College.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University and his Juris Doctor from the DePaul University College of Law. He is currently assigned to the civil division in McLean County hearing matters ranging from small claims to evictions to law cases.