

The Honorable ***Amy L. McFarland*** is an Associate Circuit Judge in the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver College of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Illinois State University.

Judge McFarland currently handles felony criminal cases. She also presides over the McLean County Recovery Court docket, a specialty court that adopts a modified approach to the treatment and rehabilitation of criminal-case defendants battling mental health and substance abuse issues.

As Presiding Judge of the McLean County Family Division from 2018-2022, Judge McFarland oversaw the work of three other judges and heard dissolution of marriage and parentage cases in Bloomington, Illinois.

Beyond her day-to-day judicial duties, Judge McFarland is a member of the board of directors for the Illinois Judges Association. As an active member of the Illinois Judicial College, she assists with developing and presenting various components of the Illinois Supreme Court's judicial education curriculum in the area of family law, including training for court-appointed guardians *ad litem*.

Before her appointment to the bench, Judge McFarland's 17-year private practice focused on family law. She served as a court-appointed mediator in allocation-of-parental-responsibilities and child-protection cases, and she developed and coordinated the delivery of a 40-hour training curriculum for court-appointed mediators in Illinois' Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Her private practice also included representation of litigants in dissolution-of-marriage, parentage, child support, and adoption matters, as well as service as a guardian *ad litem* and parenting coordinator.

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