

Hon. Elizabeth A. Robb (Retired) Biography
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Elizabeth A. Robb served for nearly 22 years as an Associate and Circuit Judge. She was appointed the first woman Associate Judge in 1993, and later was elected the first woman Circuit Judge in 2000 in the 11th Circuit of Illinois. In 2004, she was elected Chief Judge and served as the Chief Judge until her retirement in 2014. She was also elected to serve as the Vice Chair, and later, the Chair of the Conference of Chief Judges.

She currently serves on the Supreme Court's Language Access Advisory Board, is the Vice Chair of the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, is vice-chair of the ARDC Committee on Character and Fitness for the 4th District, was a member of the Advisory Board of the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice, and was appointed by Governor Rauner to the Criminal Justice and Sentence Reform Commission, which made numerous recommendations for criminal justice reform in Illinois. After her retirement, she was appointed by Governor Rauner as Chair of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority from 2015-2019. She also served on the McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council from 2015-2023.

During her tenure as Chief Judge, Judge Robb co-founded the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and collaborated with other criminal justice leaders to establish the McLean County Drug Court and the McLean County Recovery Court, a mental health court. She also oversaw the creation of a Mediation Foreclosure program as well as a Small Claims mediation program. She assisted in establishing a CASA program in McLean County in 1995 and was a member of the McLean County Task Force to establish a domestic relations mediation program in 1984. She served as the Co-Chair of the 11th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Council from 1995-2000.