

Jason Chambers bio

Jason was raised in rural McLean County and went to undergraduate school at Illinois Wesleyan University where he got his B.A. He then attended Southern Illinois Law School and graduated in 1996 and was on the SIU Law Review. Jason began the practice of law working for a legal aid non-for-profit called Prairie State Legal Services, representing indigent clients in domestic violence and consumer protection matters in Illinois. After that, Jason spent time as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney and in 2012 he was elected to be the McLean County State's Attorney and has served in that capacity since 2012. His focus has been on treating every case on an individual basis, recognizing that in the long term, crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, and any crime involving children has ripple effects throughout the lives of the people affected and the community to which they belong.

Previously, Jason served on the Normal, Illinois Town Council for over 9 years, from 2003-2012. He serves on the Board for Adult Redeploy Illinois which focuses on cost effective methods to reduce recidivism of convicted felons in Illinois. In 2016 he was appointed to the Illinois Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Task Force by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. In 2016 Jason accepted an appointment by Attorney General Lisa Madigan to the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board. In 2014 Jason and three of his Assistant State's Attorneys from McLean County were awarded the ICASA Moxie award for supporting victims of sexual assault through the criminal justice system.

He has worked as a member of the board of directors for numerous local non-for-profits including the operator of the local domestic violence shelter, Recycling Furniture for Families, the Child Protection Network Board, the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Board, the Executive Committee of the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the McLean County Juvenile Justice Council of which he is a past chairman. Jason has also been closely involved in maintaining and evolving the existing specialty courts in McLean County, notably Recovery Court for defendants with mental health issues and Drug Court. And in 2017, along with numerous other community partners, he has worked to help bring a Veterans' Court to McLean County which will begin in 2018.

But more than anything else, his passion is his family. Jason is married to his wife, Jessica, and they have three children. They are all avid hikers and campers. Any time they can get within an hour of a National Park, they will stop and take the time to enjoy the wonders which can be experienced on foot.