

**UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
Opened June 16, 1891**

**Act Creating United States Circuit Court of Appeals
Approved March 3, 1891 for 3 Judges, 26 Stats. 826**

1. **GRESHAM, Honorable Walter Quinton** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Arthur
Born near Lanesville, Indiana, on March 17, 1832
Commissioned District Judge, Indiana, 1869; served until April 1882
Commissioned Circuit Judge for District of Indiana to fill vacancy occasioned
by death of Honorable Thomas Drummond, October 29, 1884. (Recess
appointment)
Oath taken on October 30, 1884
Permanent Commission as Circuit Judge (Indiana) December 9, 1884
Took oath on December 26, 1884
First appeared in C.C.A. 7th on September 12, 1891
Resigned on March 3, 1893
Appointed United States Secretary of State on March 6, 1893
Died on May 28, 1895

2. **WOODS, Honorable William Allen** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Harrison
Born in Marshall County, Tennessee, on May 16, 1837
Commissioned District Judge (Indiana) on May 8, 1883
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 17, 1892
Oath of Office on March 21, 1892
Died on June 29, 1901

3. **JENKINS, Honorable James Graham** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Cleveland
Born at Saratoga Springs, New York, on July 18, 1834
First appeared in C.C.A. 7th as District Judge on January 13, 1891
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 23, 1893
Oath of office as Circuit Judge on April 1, 1893
Resigned on February 23, 1905
Died on August 6, 1921

4. **SHOWALTER, Honorable John W.** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Cleveland
Born in Mason County, Kentucky, on February 8, 1844
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 1, 1895

Oath of office on March 30, 1895
Died on December 10, 1898

5. **GROSSCUP, Honorable Peter Stenger** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Cleveland
Succeeded Judge Showalter
Born at Ashland, Ohio, on February 15, 1852
Commissioned District Judge, Northern Illinois on December 20, 1892
Commissioned Circuit Judge on January 23, 1899
Oath of office on February 1, 1899
Resigned on October 23, 1911
Died on October 1, 1921

6. **BAKER, Honorable Francis Elisha** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Woods
Born at Goshen, Indiana, on October 20, 1860
Judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana 1899 to 1902
Commissioned Circuit Judge on January 21, 1902
Oath of office on February 4, 1902
Died on March 15, 1924

March 3, 1905 from 3 to 4 Judges - 33 Stats. Ch. 1427, p. 922

7. **KOHLAAT, Honorable Christian Cecil** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt
Appointed as **Fourth** Judge
Born in Edwards County, Illinois, on January 8, 1844
Commissioned District Judge of Northern Illinois, on February 28, 1899
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 18, 1905
Oath of office on March 24, 1905
Died on May 11, 1918
8. **SEAMAN, Honorable William H.** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Jenkins
Born at New Berlin, Wisconsin, on November 15, 1842
Commissioned District Judge on March 27, 1893
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 1, 1905
Oath of office on April 11, 1905
Died on March 8, 1915

9. **ALSCHULER,, Honorable Samuel** (Illinois) (Democrat)
 - Appointed by President Wilson
 - Succeeded Judge Grosscup
 - Born at Chicago, Illinois, on November 20, 1859
 - Recess Commission as Circuit Judge on August 16, 1915
 - Oath of office, Recess appointment on October 5, 1915
 - Appointment confirmed on January 18, 1916
 - Oath of office on January 31, 1916
 - Relinquished duties as Senior Circuit Judge on December 1, 1934
 - Retired (Act of February 25, 1919) on May 15, 1936
 - Died on November 9, 1939

10. **EVANS, Honorable Evan A.** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
 - Appointed by President Wilson
 - Succeeded Judge Seaman
 - Born at Spring Green, Wisconsin, on March 19, 1876
 - Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 10, 1916
 - Oath of office on May 17, 1916
 - Relinquished duties as Senior Circuit Judge on July 2, 1948
 - Died on July 7, 1948

11. **PAGE, Honorable George True** (Illinois) (Democrat)
 - Appointed by President Wilson
 - Succeeded Judge Kohlsaat
 - Born at Spring Bay, Illinois, on September 22, 1859
 - Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 1, 1919
 - Oath of office on March 27, 1919
 - Retired (Act of February 25, 1919) on October 1, 1930
 - Died on November 4, 1941

12. **ANDERSON, Honorable Albert Barnes** (Indiana) (Republican)
 - Appointed by President Coolidge
 - Succeeded Judge Baker
 - Born near Zionville, Indiana, on February 10, 1857
 - Commissioned District Judge, District of Indiana, on December 8, 1908
 - Promoted and Commissioned Circuit Judge on January 6, 1925
 - Oath of office on January 13, 1925
 - Retired (Act of February 25, 1919) on October 31, 1929
 - Died on April 27, 1938

13. **SPARKS, Honorable William Morris** (Indiana) (Republican)
 - Appointed by President Hoover
 - Succeeded Judge Anderson
 - Born at Charlottesville, Indiana, on April 28, 1872

Commissioned Circuit Judge on October 31, 1929
Oath of office on November 6, 1929
Became Presiding Judge on July 8, 1948
Relinquished duties as Chief Judge on November 17, 1948
Retired on November 13, 1948
Died on January 7, 1950

14. **FITZ HENRY, Honorable Louis** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Page
Born at Bloomington, Illinois, on January 13, 1870
Commissioned District Judge on July 6, 1918
Commissioned Circuit Judge on June 16, 1933
Oath of office on October 3, 1933
Died on November 18, 1935

15. **MAJOR, Honorable J. Earl** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Fitz Henry
Born at Donnellson, Illinois, on January 5, 1887
State's Attorney, Montgomery County, Illinois from 1912-1920
Member U.S. House of Representatives (Illinois) from
March 4, 1923 to March 3, 1925
March 4, 1927 to March 3, 1929
March 4, 1931 to October 6, 1933 (Resigned)
Commissioned District Judge, Southern Illinois, on June 17, 1933
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 23, 1937
Oath of office on April 6, 1937
Designated Chief Judge on November 17, 1948, in lieu of Judge Sparks
On his own request, relieved of duties as Chief Judge of Seventh Circuit
June 15, 1954, effective as of September 1, 1954
Retired (Senior Status) on March 23, 1956

16. **TREANOR, Honorable Walter Emanuel** (Indiana) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Alschuler
Born at Loogootee, Indiana, on November 17, 1883
Justice of Supreme Court of Indiana January 4, 1931 to January 4, 1938
Commissioned Circuit Judge on December 27, 1937
Oath of office on January 11, 1938
Died on April 26, 1941

May 31, 1938 from 4 to 5 Judges - 52 Stats. Ch. 202, p. 584

17. **KERNER, Honorable Otto** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Appointed as **Fifth** Judge
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on February 22, 1884
Commissioned Circuit Judge (Recess) on November 21, 1938
Oath of office on November 23, 1938
Permanent Commission on February 9, 1939
Oath of office on February 13, 1939
Died on December 13, 1952

18. **MINTON, Honorable Sherman** (Indiana) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Succeeded Judge Treanor
Born at Georgetown, Indiana, on October 20, 1890
United States Senator (Indiana) from January 3, 1935 to January 3, 1941
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 7, 1941
Oath of office May 29, 1941
Appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States on October 5, 1949
Oath of office - Supreme Court - October 12, 1949
Retired from Supreme Court of the United States on October 15, 1956
Died on April 8, 1965

19. **DUFFY, Honorable F. Ryan** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Truman
Succeeded Judge Evans
Born at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on June 23, 1888
United States Senator (Wisconsin) March 4, 1933 to January 3, 1939
Commissioned District Judge, Eastern Wisconsin on July 1, 1939
Commissioned Circuit Judge on February 2, 1949
Oath of office on February 14, 1949
Designated Chief Judge of Seventh Circuit on June 15, 1954
effective as of September 1, 1954, in lieu of Judge Major
Relinquished duties as Chief Judge on August 6, 1959 pursuant to
28 USCA § 45, as amended on August 6, 1958, effective
August 6, 1959, to Honorable John S. Hastings
Retired (Senior Status) on June 30, 1966
Service terminated on August 16, 1979, due to death

20. **FINNEGAN, Honorable Philip J.** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Truman
Succeeded Judge Sparks
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on June 25, 1886
Judge, Municipal Court of Chicago from 1922 to 1929
Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, from 1929-1949
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 5, 1949

Oath of office on August 12, 1949
Died on December 4, 1959

21. **LINDLEY, Honorable Walter C.** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Truman
Succeeded Judge Minton
Born at Neoga, Illinois, July 12, 1880
Commissioned District Judge, Eastern Illinois, on September 22, 1922
Commissioned Circuit Judge on October 13, 1949
Oath of office on October 24, 1949
Died on January 3, 1958

August 3, 1949 from 5 to 6 Judges - 63 Stats. Ch. 387, p. 493

22. **SWAIM, Honorable Hardress Nathan** (Indiana) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Truman
Appointed as **Sixth** Judge
Born on November 30, 1890 at Zionsville, Indiana
Recess appointment Circuit Judge on October 21, 1949
Oath of office, Recess appointment on November 7, 1949
Permanent commission as Circuit Judge on February 10, 1950
Oath of office, permanent commission, on February 24, 1950
Died on July 30, 1957
23. **SCHNACKENBERG, Honorable Elmer Jacob** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Eisenhower
Succeeded Judge Kerner
Born at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 22, 1889
Member Illinois Legislature from 1912-1913, 1922-1944
Speaker of House of Representatives from 1941-1944
Judge Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, from 1945-1954
Commissioned Circuit Judge (recess) on November 17, 1953
(Did not enter on duty under recess appointment)
Permanent Commission as Circuit Judge on February 10, 1954
Oath of office on February 23, 1954
Waived right to serve as Chief Judge in favor of
Honorable John S. Hastings only on August 5, 1959
Died on September 15, 1968
24. **HASTINGS, Honorable John Simpson** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Eisenhower
Succeeded Judge Major
Born at Washington, Indiana, on June 30, 1898

Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 26, 1957
Oath of office on September 10, 1957
Assumed duties as Chief Judge on August 6, 1959 from
Honorable F. Ryan Duffy, pursuant to 28 USCA § 45 as amended
on August 6, 1958, effective August 6, 1959
Relinquished duties as Chief Judge on June 1, 1968 to Honorable Latham
Castle
Retired (Senior Status) on February 1, 1969
Service terminated on February 7, 1977, due to death.

25. **PARKINSON, Honorable William Lynn** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Eisenhower
Succeeded Judge Swaim
Born at Attica, Indiana, on September 18, 1902
Judge, Tippecanoe Circuit Court (Indiana) from 1937 to 1954
Commissioned District Judge, Northern Indiana, on August 6, 1954
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 26, 1957
Oath of Office on September 10, 1957
Disappeared on October 26, 1959
(Body recovered from Lake Michigan on April 24, 1960
Burial on April 27, 1960)
26. **KNOCH, Honorable Winfred George** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Eisenhower
Succeeded Judge Lindley
Born at Naperville, Illinois, on May 24, 1895
County Judge from 1930 to 1939
Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit (Illinois) from 1939 to 1953
Commissioned District Judge, Northern Illinois, Eastern Division,
on May 14, 1953
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 21, 1958
Oath of office on September 15, 1958
Assumed senior status on December 4, 1967
Service terminated on May 23, 1983, due to death
27. **CASTLE, Honorable Latham** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Eisenhower
Succeeded Judge Finnegan
Born at Sandwich, Illinois, on February 27, 1900
State's Attorney of DeKalb County from 1928 to 1940
County Judge of DeKalb County from 1942 to 1952
Attorney General of Illinois from 1953 to 1959
Commissioned Circuit Judge on April 30, 1959
Oath of office on May 8, 1959

Assumed duties as Chief Judge on June 1, 1968 from Honorable John S. Hastings
Relinquished duties as Chief Judge on February 27, 1970, to Honorable Luther M. Swygert
Retired (Senior Status) February 28, 1970
Assumed senior status on December 4, 1967
Service terminated on May 23, 1983, due to death

28. **KILEY, Honorable Roger Joseph** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Kennedy
Succeeded Judge Parkinson
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on October 23, 1900
Judge, Superior Court, from 1940 to 1941
Judge, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District from 1941 to 1961
Commissioned Circuit Judge on June 30, 1961
Oath of office on July 10, 1961
Public Induction July 17, 1961
Assumed senior status on January 1, 1974
Service terminated on September 6, 1974, due to death

May 19, 1961 From 6 to 7 Judges - Pub. 87-36 75 Stat. P. 80

29. **SWYGERT, Honorable Luther M.** (Indiana) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Kennedy
Appointed as **Seventh** Judge
Born at Miami County, Indiana, on February 7, 1905
Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern Indiana from 1943 to 1961
(Chief Judge 1954 to 1961)
Commissioned Circuit Judge on September 29, 1961
Oath of office on October 11, 1961
Assumed duties of Chief Judge on February 27, 1970 through 1975, from Honorable Latham Castle
Assumed senior status on July 1, 1981
Service terminated on March 16, 1988, due to death

March 18, 1966 from 7 to 8 Judges Pub. L. 89-372, Section 1(b), 80 Stat. 75

30. **FAIRCHILD, Honorable Thomas Edward** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Johnson
Succeeded Judge Duffy
Born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 25, 1912
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 11, 1966
Oath of office on August 24, 1966

Served as chief judge from 1975-1981
Assumed senior status on August 31, 1981

31. **CUMMINGS, Honorable Walter Joseph** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Johnson
Appointed as **Eighth** Judge
Born at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1916
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 11, 1966
Oath of office on August 15, 1966
Served as chief judge from 1981-1986
Service terminated on April 24, 1999, due to death

32. **KERNER, Honorable Otto** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Johnson
Succeeded Judge Knoch
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on August 15, 1908
Commissioned Circuit Judge on April 22, 1968
Oath of office on May 20, 1968
Service terminated on July 22, 1974, due to resignation
Died on May 9, 1976 in Chicago

33. **PELL, Honorable Wilbur Frank, Jr.** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Nixon
Succeeded Judge Hastings
Born at Shelbyville, Indiana, on December 6, 1915
Commissioned Circuit Judge on April 24, 1970
Oath of office on May 11, 1970
Assumed senior status on July 31, 1984
Died on September 25, 2000 in Evanston, Illinois

34. **STEVENS, Honorable John Paul** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Nixon
Succeeded Judge Schnackenberg
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on April 20, 1920
Commissioned Circuit Judge October 14, 1970
Oath of office on November 2, 1970
Service terminated on December 18, 1975 due to appointment to
the Supreme Court
Nominated by Gerald Ford on November 28, 1975 to the seat vacated
by William O. Douglas
Received commission on December 17, 1975

35. **SPRECHER, Honorable Robert Arthur** (Illinois) (Republican)

Appointed by President Nixon
Succeeded Judge Castle
Born at Chicago, Illinois, on May 30, 1917
Commissioned Circuit Judge on April 23, 1971
Oath of office on May 7, 1971
Service terminated on May 15, 1982, due to death

36. **TONE, Honorable Philip Willis** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Nixon
Born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 9, 1923
Succeeded Judge Kiley
District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, from 1972 to 1974
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 14, 1974
Oath of office on May 17, 1974
Service terminated on April 30, 1980, due to resignation
37. **BAUER, Honorable William Joseph** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Ford
Born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 15, 1926
Succeeded Judge Kerner
District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, from 1971 to 1975
Commissioned Circuit Judge on December 20, 1974
Oath of office on January 3, 1975
Served as Chief Judge from 1986 to 1993
Assumed senior status on October 31, 1994
38. **WOOD, Honorable Harlington Jr.** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Ford
Born in Springfield, Illinois, on April 17, 1920
Succeeded Judge Stevens
Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois from 1973 to 1976
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 7, 1976
Oath of office May 28, 1976
Assumed senior status on January 15, 1992

From 8 to 9 Judges – 92 Stat. 1629, 1632

39. **CUDAHY, Honorable Richard Dickson** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Carter
Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 2, 1926
Appointed as **Ninth** Judge
Commissioned Circuit Judge on September 26, 1979
Oath of office on October 10, 1979

Assumed senior status on August 15, 1994

40. **ESCHBACH, Honorable Jesse Ernest** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Warsaw, Indiana, on October 26, 1920
Succeeded Judge Swygert
Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, from 1962 to 1981
Commissioned Circuit Judge on December 1, 1981
Oath of office on December 11, 1981
Assumed senior status on November 4, 1985
41. **POSNER, Honorable Richard Allen** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in New York, New York, on January 11, 1939
Succeeded Judge Tone
Commissioned Circuit Judge on December 1, 1981
Oath of office December 4, 1981
Served as Chief Judge from 1993 to July 31, 2000
42. **COFFEY, Honorable John Louis** (Wisconsin) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 15, 1922
Succeeded Judge Fairchild
Commissioned Circuit Judge on March 19, 1982
Oath of office on March 27, 1982
Assumed senior status on July 2, 2004
43. **FLAUM, Honorable Joel Martin** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Hudson, New York, on November 26, 1936
Succeeded Judge Sprecher
Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
from 1974 to 1983
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 5, 1983
Oath of office on June 1, 1983
Assumed Chief Judge on August 1, 2000 to present

From 9 to 10 Judges – 98 Stat. 333, 346

44. **EASTERBROOK, Honorable Frank Hoover** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Buffalo, New York, on September 3, 1948

Appointed as **Tenth** Judge
Commissioned Circuit Judge on April 4, 1985
Oath of office on April 10, 1985

From 10 to 11 Judges – 98 Stat. 333, 346

45. **RIPPLE, Honorable Kenneth Francis** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 19, 1943
Appointed **Eleventh** Judge
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 10, 1985
Oath of office on June 10, 1985

46. **MANION, Honorable Daniel Anthony** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Succeeded Judge Pell
Born in South Bend, Indiana, on February 1, 1942
Commissioned Circuit Judge on July 24, 1986
Oath of office on October 29, 1986

47. **KANNE, Honorable Michael Stephen** (Indiana) (Republican)
Appointed by President Reagan
Born in Rensselaer, Indiana, on December 21, 1938
Succeeded Judge Eschbach
District Judge, Northern District of Indiana, from 1981 to 1987
Commissioned Circuit Judge on May 20, 1987
Oath of office on May 21, 1987

48. **ROVNER, Honorable Ilana Kara Diamond** (Illinois) (Republican)
Appointed by President Bush
Born in Riga, Latvia, on August 21, 1938
Succeeded Judge Wood
District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, from 1984 to 1992
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 17, 1992
Oath of office on August 17, 1992

49. **WOOD, Honorable Diane Pamela** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Clinton
Succeeded Judge Bauer
Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, on July 24, 1950
Commissioned Circuit Judge on June 30, 1995
Oath of office on July 24, 1995

50. **EVANS, Honorable Terence Thomas** (Wisconsin) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Clinton
Succeeded Judge Cudahy
Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 25, 1940
District Judge, Eastern District of Wisconsin, from 1979 to 1995
Commissioned Circuit Judge on August 11, 1995
Oath of office on September 1, 1995
51. **WILLIAMS, Honorable Ann Claire** (Illinois) (Democrat)
Appointed by President Clinton
Succeeded Judge Cummings, Jr.
Born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 16, 1949
District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, from 1985 to 1999
Commissioned on November 15, 1999
Oath of office on November 17, 1999
52. **SYKES, Honorable Diane S.** (Milwaukee) (Republican)
Appointed by President George W. Bush
Succeeded Judge Coffey
Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 23, 1957
Judge, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Wisconsin, 1992-1999
Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court, 1999-2004
Oath of office on July 4, 2004