



Judge Thomas Donnelly serves as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. He is assigned to the First Municipal District. Sworn in as a judge in 2000, he has presided over several hundred civil and criminal jury trials. Prior to hearing jury trials, he served in several civil and criminal assignments. In September 2012, he authored an opinion in a highly publicized First Amendment case involving the Occupy Chicago protests: *City of Chicago v. Alexander*. He spearheaded the development of three court programs to assist self-represented litigants: CBA Summary Suspension Volunteer Program, the CARPLS Consumer Collection Self-Help Desk, and the CBA Municipal Court Pro Bono Panel program.

He chairs the Illinois Supreme Court's Judicial Education Committee, which conducts all judicial education for both trial and appellate judges in Illinois. He chaired the Advanced Judicial Academy at the University of Illinois Law School in June 2013. He also chaired the editorial board for Illinois Judicial Benchbook for Civil Law and Procedure for four years. He served on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions for eight years.

Before becoming a judge, he clerked for the Honorable Mary Ann G. McMorrow (Loyola Law '53) and served as an assistant public defender for thirteen years. He serves on the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee. He has chaired both the Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Professional Responsibility Committee and the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) Standing Committee on Professional Conduct. He coauthored an online annotation on Illinois Legal Ethics for Cornell Law School. He is also a past member of the ISBA Civil Practice Section Counsel. He served as the Reporter for the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility (1996-2000).

Judge Donnelly has been a professor at Loyola Law School since 1987 and has directed the Philip H. Corboy Trial Advocacy Fellowship since 1995. He currently teaches Illinois Litigation. He previously taught Illinois Tax Litigation and Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Professional Responsibility Seminar, and Criminal Procedure. He is a past recipient of the St. Robert Bellarmine Award for a distinguished young alumnus and is an honorary member of Loyola's Circle of Advocates.

