

## Judges of the 17th Judicial Circuit

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John S. Lowry, Circuit Judge  
Brendan A. Maher, Circuit Judge  
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Debra Schafer, Associate Judge  
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C. Robert Tobin, Circuit Judge  
Ronald J. White, Circuit Judge  
Randy Wilt, Associate Judge  
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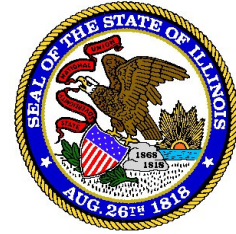
The Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Speakers Bureau was established to increase the public's awareness and promote the understanding of the operations of your court system. For further information, and to familiarize yourself on the our judicial system, please visit our webpage at:

[www.17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov)

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## Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court

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Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty

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## About the 17th Circuit Court

The State of Illinois is divided into twenty-three Judicial Circuits, also known as trial courts. The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit is composed of both Winnebago County and Boone County.

In the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit there are twenty-five judges. There are two types of Judges: Circuit Judges and Associate Judges. Circuit Judges are elected by popular vote for an initial six-year term. The Circuit Judges elect a Chief Judge to provide administrative guidance to the entire Circuit. The Circuit Judges also appoint and vote to retain Associate Judges based on four-year terms.

The Seventeenth Circuit holds court in three main courthouses, as well as other auxiliary facilities. We hear all types of cases, including but not limited to family matters, personal injury claims, commercial disputes, trust and estate issues, criminal cases, and landlord-tenant matters.

## About the Speakers Bureau

Our Judicial Speakers Bureau was established to help the community gain an understanding and knowledge of what can be a very complex legal system and the various programs in which the court is involved. The Judicial Speakers Bureau is comprised of judges who preside in both Boone County and Winnebago County. Judges are available to speak to any school, community group or civic organization in the Seventeenth Circuit that would like to further their understanding of our court systems and the administration of justice.

## Suggested Topics

The Court System	The Constitution and Bill of Rights
Criminal Justice System	Domestic Violence
Traffic and DUI Court	Jury Trials
Small Claims	Juvenile Justice
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Drug Court and Mental Health Court
Sentencing in Illinois	Divorce: Laws and Lessons
Civil Court Process	Special Programs for Schools

If there is a specific law related subject your group would like to explore that is not listed here, feel free to request it. We will make every effort to meet your group's request.

## Courthouse Tours

Guided tours are available of all our court facilities. These tours offer groups the opportunity to see first hand the operations and inner workings of the several components which make up our Justice System. These tours are customized for particular groups and typically include the participation of our Judiciary, Circuit Clerk's Office, Court Reporters, Law Librarian, Jury Commission, Bailiffs, and other court personnel. Tours will also include an opportunity to observe live courtroom proceedings. Any interested group or individual is welcome to schedule a court tour.

## Arranging an Event

To arrange for a speaker or schedule a courthouse tour, please contact Thomas Jakeway in the Circuit Court Administration Office at 815.319.4830. Please allow approximately thirty days notice to arrange for a speaker. Thank you for your interest in the Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Speakers Bureau.

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