



## Supreme Court of Illinois

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### **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS CUSHING AS AT-LARGE CIRCUIT JUDGE OF COOK COUNTY**

Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Thomas M. Cushing as an At-Large Cook County Circuit Judge.

Mr. Cushing was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Hon. Nicholas R. Ford on April 12, 2019. The appointment is effective June 19, 2019, and will conclude December 7, 2020 when the position will be filled by the November 2020 General Election.

“Serving as a judge is the joyful fulfillment of a longtime goal,” Cushing said. “I intend to do everything in my power to honor the trust the Supreme Court has placed in me.”

Mr. Cushing has served Of Counsel for Christopher A. Kreid & Assoc. for the last six years, where he focuses on general civil litigation and chancery matters. He also has been the Principal at Thomas M. Cushing, LLC, for 13 years. He previously spent 17 years at Ambrose & Cushing, PC, where he was a trial and appellate attorney focused on civil litigation with a concentration on complex professional and municipal liability.

Justice Theis recommended Mr. Cushing's appointment after he was previously reviewed by bar associations and a special judicial screening committee. Mr. Cushing received highly qualified or recommended ratings from a dozen bar groups. The special judicial screening committee was established by Justice Theis in 2013 and includes several members of the legal community.

Mr. Cushing earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and received his *Juris Doctor* from the Loyola University School of Law.

Cushing has additionally served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Loyola University School of Law, has taught numerous Continuing Legal Education courses, and has been an invited lecturer on over sixty-five occasions. He has been an appointed Hearing Board Member for the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission since 2013.

His professional associations include the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.