

## **BIOGRAPHY OF JUDGE LLOYD JAMES BROOKS**

Judge Lloyd James Brooks was sworn in by Illinois Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Neville on December 21, 2018 and is currently assigned to hear civil matters in the Richard J. Daley Center. Judge Brooks' appointment was bittersweet, it is the pinnacle event in his career to date. However, he was unable to share it with his mother who passed away after a lengthy battle with colon cancer in December of 2014.

Judge Brooks is the only son and oldest child of James and Mary Brooks. Judge Brooks spent his childhood in Harvey, IL and has spent his entire life living in the South Suburbs of Chicago. Judge Brooks recently had the honor of returning to his elementary school to perform his first swearing in for the board members of the Harvey School District #152. The event was made extra special as Judge Brooks' 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was there to observe the event. He graduated from Thornridge High School in Dolton, IL and then on to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where Judge Brooks graduated in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Finance.

In 1997, Judge Brooks decided to attend Northwestern University School of Law where he graduated from in 2000. At Northwestern, Judge Brooks made the dean's list and became a Senior Editor of the Journal of International Law and Business.

After working at two Chicago area insurance coverage firms, in 2004, Judge Brooks decided to open his own firm. His first office was located in his apartment in Dolton, IL where he saw his first clients in his living room. Almost immediately, Judge Brooks began specializing in the defense of the rights of consumers. As an attorney, Judge Brooks fought for equal justice for homeowners facing foreclosure.

Judge Brooks has fought for and won appeals on behalf of his clients, which have resulted in court decisions that have shaped consumer's rights in Illinois and in some cases around the country. Judge Brooks now used his knowledge of debtor/creditor laws to handle his call presiding over post judgment collection matters. Judge Brooks now presides in the Jury Trial Section of the First Municipal District. He hears all matters leading up to trial in civil cases where damages are less than \$30,000.

Judge Brooks has been found recommended or qualified to be a Circuit Court Judge by the 12 Chicagoland area bar associations.

Judge Brooks continues to live in the South Suburbs of Chicago with his wife, Jamilla, his children and his granddaughter.