

Judge Leonard Murray

Judge Leonard Murray was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook on April 11, 2007. He is currently assigned to the First Municipal Department-Jury Trial Section.

Judge Murray was born in Chicago and attended Chicago Public Schools, graduating from DuSable High School where he was the captain of the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

He holds a degree in Economics from St. Francis University with a minor in Accounting, English and Philosophy. At St. Francis he was captain of the varsity basketball team and a member of the varsity baseball team.

He was also a member of the Economics Club, the Varsity F Club and elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and received a 1968 Olympic Letter.

Judge Murray is a United States



Army veteran and received an honorable discharge.

Judge Murray is a Dean's List graduate of Northwestern University Law School. Following law school he joined Deloitte & Touché, a public accounting firm and was a member of its tax department until he engaged in the private practice of law.

Judge Murray was President of the Cook County Bar Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Bar Association, the South Shore

Commission, the James Jordan Foundation, and Reach Out and Read (ROAR).

He is a past Chair of: the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Illinois Judicial Council and Africa International House, USA, the producer of the annual African Festival of the Arts.

He is a former Region VII Director of the National Bar Association and a member of the Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association and served on its finance committee.

He also formerly held the position of Chair of the Illinois Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law and Probation Administration and an original member of the Commission on Access to Justice formed in 2012, both appointments made by the Illinois Supreme Court. He currently is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee.

He has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for his professional and community service, including the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors Award and the National Bar Association Presidential Award

Judge Murray is married to Linda Gray Murray, a retired assistant principal at Hyde Park High School in Chicago. They have four adult children and have lived in the South Shore community of Chicago for the past 30 years.