

Chloe Georgianna Pedersen, Judge, Cook County Circuit Court

A judge, wife, and mother with over 16 years of courtroom litigation experience.

In May, 2023, Judge Chloé G. Pedersen was appointed to a countywide judicial vacancy by unanimous appointment of the Illinois Supreme Court. She seeks election to this vacancy.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Chloé was an equity partner with the national law firm of Fletcher & Sippel LLC. There, she managed the Labor & Employment Practice Group focusing on complex civil litigation and represented clients in a full range of labor and employment matters in state, federal and appellate courts across the country. In addition to litigation advocacy, she represented clients in collective bargaining negotiations and served on various public law boards adjudicating claims.

Prior to, she was Chief Legal & Labor Counsel for the Cook County Recorder. Here, Judge Chloé advised on litigation along with the Cook County State's Attorney, and counseled on the development and enforcement of office policy, legislative platforms, and participated in collective bargaining negotiations. Judge Chloé previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Illinois Attorney General's Government Representation Division providing legal representation to Illinois (its agencies, officers and employees) in civil litigation focusing on civil rights and labor and employment issues.

Before the Illinois Attorney General, she worked at Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. representing clients in lawsuits premised upon alleged violations of the U.S. Constitution and practiced in multiple areas of civil litigation including personal injury, contract disputes, and medical malpractice. She also served as Assistant General Counsel to the Speaker of the House of Representatives where she drafted and provided strategic analysis of legislation in a variety of areas including education, mass transit, environment, municipal, insurance, professional liability, and corrections; and participated in the defense of proposed legislation debated on the House of Representatives' Floor.

Judge Chloé is a proud "double-demon" having received her B.S. in Commerce from DePaul University, and J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

She has received several awards and was selected as a Rising Star by Illinois SuperLawyers Magazine for eight consecutive years. She is an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association serving as a governor, on the Assembly, the Steering Committee on Racial Inequality, the Legislation Committee, and the Women and the Law Committee.

Judge Chloé is a former Commissioner for the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission. She also served as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism's Mentor Expansion Committee, and served on the board of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois where she chaired numerous committees including starting its Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring program helping over 100 attorneys develop their passion for the law. She was the treasurer for the Chicago Spirit Brigade, a 501(c)(3) non-profit community-based fundraising organization, and was a member of the Illinois High School Association Competitive Dance Officials Ad Hoc Committee; where she contributed to IHSA's recognition of Competitive Dance as a sport. Over the last two decades she has also volunteered as a voter protection attorney or worked as an election judge on election days.