

JUDGE TERESA MOLINA BIO

Recently appointed Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court, Judge Teresa Molina has spent her 18-year legal career helping communities throughout Cook County and protecting our most vulnerable residents including victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. Currently serving in the First Municipal District in the Richard J. Daley Center she hears primarily traffic matters and has presided over bench trials, statutory summary suspension hearings, small claims and eviction cases.

Prior to becoming a judge, she was the Chief of Real Estate Prosecutions at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Judge Molina began her career as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in 2001 and has prosecuted hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases and dozens of jury trials.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio in 1995 and earned her law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law in 2001 where she the President of the Hispanic Law Students Association and a member of the Black Law Students Association.

Judge Molina has mentored over thirty law clerks throughout her career. She is a lifetime member of Alpha Phi sorority and is active in her community by volunteering with the Forest Park Arts Alliance, Forest Park Hispanic Heritage Celebration Committee, and the Forest Park Historical Society. She lives in Forest Park with her amazing rescue dog Chola. Judge Molina is endorsed by the Cook County Democratic Party, the Chicago Tribune, and the Chicago Federation of Labor. Please punch #204 and vote for Judge Teresa Molina.