



Dierdre Dyer, Judge, Cook County Circuit Court

Judge Dyer is a longtime resident of Cook County, attending McDade Classical Elementary School in Chicago's South Side Chatham neighborhood and Kenwood Academy High School in the Hyde Park-Kenwood neighborhood. She went on to college at Illinois Wesleyan University where she was a radio DJ for WESN. During her college years, she also studied art history and literature abroad at the Sorbonne

in Paris, France. Upon returning from France, she attended DePaul University College of Law. She served as president of the Black Law Students Association during that time. Prior to becoming a judge, Dyer was a Deputy Supervisor at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office handling complex financial crimes, public corruption, and consumer fraud cases. During her time as an Assistant State's Attorney, she often spoke at community forums hosted by groups such as the Elder Justice Law Center and social service agencies such as Apna Ghar, helping people avoid falling victim to common affinity scams.

Dyer also volunteered at expungement seminars, helping people determine if they were eligible to have their criminal record expunged. She served as Chairperson for the Government and Insurance Fraud Work Group where she worked with numerous stakeholders to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of government resources.

In 2020 Dyer was recognized by the National Insurance Crime Bureau as their prosecuting partner of the year. During her time at the State's Attorney's Office, she was never overturned on appeal on any case where she acted as the lead prosecutor. She has previously worked as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General in the Special Prosecutions Bureau and was also a supervising attorney for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. In that role, she regularly worked in both criminal and civil courts on a variety of legal matters.

Judge Dyer was raised to believe that service should be a daily way of life. She has been extremely active in the community outside the courtroom. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc. She has volunteered with local back-to-school parades and served as a member of Hazel Crest's Planning and Zoning Board. She also served as a board member of the Lansing Christian School parent board.

Judge Dyer is a former Sunday School Teacher at Jubilee Faith Community Church and assisted senior church members at Salem Lutheran Church during the pandemic by organizing virtual services for parishioners. She is an active member of several bar associations and has recently served as Co-Chair of the Chicago Bar Association Well Being and Mindfulness Committee.

Judge Dyer believes in the importance of ongoing education and has presented Continuing Legal Education materials for lawyers in Social Media and the Law, Election Law Violations, and Financial Crime Prosecutions. She is fluent in French and enjoys sewing, digital art and regularly cooks Sunday dinner for her daughter and extended family.