



***Diane M. Shelley***  
***HUD Midwest Regional Administrator***

Diane M. Shelley, a retired Illinois Judge, was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Midwest Regional Administrator. Regional Administrator Shelley is based in Chicago and oversees HUD's six-state Midwest region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. She is HUD's regional liaison to elected officials, congressional delegations, associations, and stakeholders.

As a lifelong social justice advocate working to eliminate poverty and economic insecurity, Shelley joined HUD with a long record of public service. Prior to joining HUD, and in addition to serving as an elected state court judge for 15 years, she practiced law for nearly 25 years, beginning her career with rural legal aid servicing farmers, migrants, and rural low-income families. She went on to head litigation for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, litigating and managing complex contract, construction, and environmental disputes. Prior to her legal career she worked with grassroots nonprofit organizations on issues of housing and food insecurities, and social justice.

She is the recipient of the Chicago Bar Association's Earl B. Dickerson Award for a career devoted to helping others gain equality and justice, and numerous other awards for her public and legal services. She was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to the Commission on Professionalism, Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security, and Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health.

A Chicago native with roots in the city's Bronzeville neighborhood, Shelley earned a juris doctorate degree from University of Iowa College of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is former president of the Illinois Judges Association and, a former chair of the Illinois Judicial Council, and continues as a dedicated member of several bar associations, including the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Judicial Council, Illinois Judges Association, Chicago Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association and Black Women Lawyers' Association, and other civic organizations.