



**Honorable Judge Michael Brown,
(Retired) Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County**

Judge Brown is a National Honor Society graduate of John Marshall Harlan High School, having been inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2003. He received a BS in Chemistry from Chicago State University and graduated with Honors from IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Society, Vice President of the school's Black Law Student Association, awarded the Standish Willis Award and inducted into the Bar and Gavel Society.

Michael Brown served as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney from 1987 to 1999. After being assigned to the Criminal Appeals Division, stints in the Narcotics Bureau, Felony Review and Preliminary Hearings Units followed. He was assigned to the Felony Trial Division where he was eventually promoted to First Chair. Brown was a member of the National Black Prosecutors Association, served on the Cook County Bar Associations' Judicial Evaluation Committee, attained teaching credentials from NITA and was an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at John Marshall Law School.

Brown was hired as an Associate in the law firm of James D. Montgomery and Associates, focusing on civil rights and personal injuries.

He returned to the States Attorney's Office and was named Night Narcotics Court Supervisor. Other management positions held included Supervisor of the First Municipal Division, Felony Trial Supervisor and Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Bureau, a position he held until being appointed to the bench. Appointed in November 1999, he sat as a Supervising Judge in the Criminal Division, hearing general felonies. He also served in the Traffic and Juvenile Justice-Abuse and Neglect Divisions. Judge Brown served as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instruction-Criminal for 10 years. As a member of the Illinois Judicial Council, he served as Treasurer. He retired in July 2013.

A member of Trinity United Church of Christ and a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Judge Brown promotes and sponsors several civic and social activities, including memberships in the Illinois Judicial Council Foundation Board of Directors, Rainbow PUSH, Jackie Robinson Little League, Micah Legal Ministry, Harlan High School and Chicago State University Alumni Associations.