Justice Robert L. Carter, ret.

Ottawa and Chicago, Illinois



Justice Robert L. Carter retired from the Illinois State Supreme Court in December of 2022, and now devotes his time serving as a mediator, arbitrator, special master and appellate review consultant. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice Carter sat on the Third District Appellate Court, and previously served as Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court. He brings over 43 years of judicial experience to his private mediation and arbitration practice. He completed mediation training at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Areas of Concentration

- Commercial Disputes
- Appellate
- Antitrust
- Accounting/Finance
- Banking
- Civil Rights
- Class Action
- Construction
- Contracts

- Employment
- Insurance/Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property (Trademark & Copyright)
- Product Liability
- Real Estate
- Securities/Financial Services

Biography

Robert L. Carter began his judicial career in 1979 when he was appointed an Associate Judge in Illinois' Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Ottawa, Illinois. He was elected a Circuit Judge in 1988 and became Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit in 1993, serving in that position until his appointment to the Third District Appellate Court in 2006. In 2020, he was unanimously appointed to the Supreme Court of Illinois, filling a term that expired in December of 2022.

Justice Carter holds A.B. (1968) and J. D. (1974) degrees from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana as well as a M.A. (1974) degree in Administration from Sangamon State University (currently known as the University of Illinois Springfield).

Before entering law school, Justice Carter served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1969-70 and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Professional Activities

Justice Carter became a member of the American Law Institute in March 2012. He previously served on the Advisory Board for George Mason University's Mason Judicial Education Program.

He is a member and a past president of the Illinois Judges Association. He is a current member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the LaSalle County Bar Association.

Justice Carter was a member of the Advisory Board of the Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource Center, serving on its Educational Standards and Policy Committee.

Justice Carter is a member and past post commander of the American Legion, as well as a member of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars.

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