

JUDGE SOPHIA H. HALL

Administrative Presiding Judge
Resource Section, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department
Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois

Judge Hall is the Administrative Presiding Judge of the Resource Section of the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Judge Hall is charged with creating initiatives to facilitate the court and community collaborating to better serve children and families within the Juvenile Court's jurisdiction. Judge Hall is also assigned to the Chancery Division where she hears, among others, cases seeking equitable relief, corporate and partnership cases, class actions, and declaratory judgment actions.



Judge Hall was elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1980. She served in the Criminal Division for four years, and thereafter in the Chancery Division for five years. Both assignments made her the first woman in 20 years to serve in either division. When assigned as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division in 1992, she was the first woman ever to serve as the Presiding Judge of any Division or District of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Judge Hall is a Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College. She is a past member of the Board of the State Justice Institute to which she was appointed by President William J. Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate April 3, 1998, concluding her service in 2010. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts.

She is a past Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association, and past President of the National Association of Women Judges, and of the Illinois Judges Association.

Among Judge Hall's publications are "Examining New Paradigms to Address the Complexities of Family and Juvenile Cases," a Chapter in *The Improvement of the Administration of Justice*, 7th Edition, 2001 published by the American Bar Association. She also authored articles on "Interlocutory Injunctions" and "Declaratory Judgments" published in the *Chicago Bar Association Record*.

Judge Hall received her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University School of Law and her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin.