



## JUDGE JEFFREY WARNICK

Judge Jeffrey Warnick graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He attended IIT-Kent College of Law and graduated in 1978. Following law school, Warnick served as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney from 1979 until 1988. Among his significant jury trials were *People v. Jang Bae* (the arson murder of 3 Chicago firefighters), and *People v. Leonard Kidd*, (involving the murder of ten (ten) children). He served as supervisor of the Arson Unit in the Special Prosecutions Bureau following years as a first chair in the Felony Trial Division. Warnick went into private practice in

1988 and specialized in insurance coverage, property and liability defense, and fire-related litigation. Over the years, he developed an expertise in fire and construction litigation, as well as over 20 years of experience in insurance coverage, subrogation and fraud investigations and trials. Before assuming his present judgeship, he had over 30 years of substantial jury trial and litigation experience.

In 2009, Judge Warnick was appointed an Associate Judge of Cook County, IL. In 2010, he was transferred to the Chancery Division and heard commercial litigation and mortgage foreclosure cases. Next, Judge Warnick was reassigned to the Second Municipal District in Skokie, where he presided over a civil as well as criminal motion and trials. In 2011, Warnick was dually assigned to the Law Division where he presided over a civil court call handling motions, jury trials, and settlement conferences. For two years, 2015-2016, Judge Warnick was assigned to a felony criminal courtroom in Skokie, where he presided over motions and trials of felony cases arising within the northern suburbs of Chicago. Notable trials included a cold-case murder involving the evolution of DNA and multiple sexual assault and abuse cases.

Currently, Judge Warnick has presided over the Law Division civil courtroom in Skokie for over two years. This court hears both Law and Municipal division cases, and Judge Warnick conducts pre-trials. He is married to Kathy Warnick, who works as the Director of Legal Research for the First District Appellate Court in Chicago.