

**HON. CASANDRA LEWIS  
JUDGE  
COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (ILLINOIS)**

The Honorable Casandra Lewis, a native Chicagoan, has served as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge since 2002. In the spring of 2009, Judge Lewis was recognized for dramatically reducing the caseload in her courtroom. In May of 2011, she was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court during an induction ceremony held in Washington, DC. In 2014, she was assigned to the Law Division where cases involving catastrophic injury and wrongful death are heard.

Prior to being elected to the bench in 2002, Judge Lewis practiced law for 12 years, specializing in criminal and family law. She began her legal career as an Assistant State's Attorney. Eventually, she left the public sector and established her own firm. Early in her legal career Judge Lewis was recruited to serve as an instructor at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's intensive attorney training course. Also, Judge Lewis has participated in numerous community based forums and workshops in an effort to educate the general public about our system of jurisprudence. Judge Lewis has been featured in the Second, Third and Fourth Editions of Who's Who in Black Chicago.

Judge Lewis is an active member of many legal and judicial organizations, including the National Bar Association; American Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Illinois Judges Association; and Illinois Judicial Council. She has held various positions in the Illinois Judicial Council, including secretary of the Council's Taskforce on Liberia; assistant treasurer; and assistant secretary. Additionally, for several years she has served as the Coordinator of the Law Day Program, which provides inner-city high school students with the

opportunity to shadow judges for a day. Judge Lewis was the recipient of the Chairperson's Award in 2005, 2007 and 2012 in recognition of her outstanding work with the organization. Judge Lewis also received the Meritorious Award in 2008.

Missionary Lewis is a member of the Greater Mount Olive Church of God in Christ located in Aurora, Illinois. Bishop William Haven Bonner is her pastor and the prelate of the Sixth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois. Missionary Lewis has held many offices and positions in the church including, but not limited to: Local and Jurisdictional Purity Lady, Local Sunday School Teacher and Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, District Vice-President of Missions, Special Assistant to the District Missionary, Jurisdictional Fine Arts Director, Chairperson of the C. H. Mason Historical Society, Founding Coordinator of the District and Jurisdictional Women's Weekend Retreat. She was selected to serve as Assistant Supervisor in 2001 and was appointed Jurisdictional Assistant Supervisor by then General Supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, in 2002.

Some of the highlights of her church service are as follows: Coordinated first Sunday School Workshop; hosted Regional Purity Class Rally 2002; led training sessions for women and youth during Paris, France Church of God in Christ Convention; and served as Assistant Coordinator of National Bible Bowl for the Purity Class. Additionally, Missionary Lewis has been the keynote speaker during workshops, women's day services, conferences, conventions, and jurisdictional convocations. Missionary Lewis was honored to be among the delegates in attendance at the Constitutional Convention of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. held in St. Louis, Missouri in September of 2003. She has served as a symposium

speaker during the 57th, 60th and 62nd Women's International Conventions, in Orlando, Florida, Los Angeles, California, and Atlanta, Georgia, respectively. In 2009, Judge Lewis was appointed to serve on the Special Assistance Committee for the International Department of Women and in the spring of 2011 she was appointed to the Educational Committee of the International Department of Women where she serves as the chair of the editorial board.

In 2011 Judge Lewis and executives from the International Department of Women established the International Department of Women Grievance Committee at the direction of then General Supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Judge Lewis served as the initial Chairperson of that Committee. Also in 2011, Judge Lewis was appointed as the Chairperson of the Judiciary Subcommittee of the Constitution Committee of the General Assembly. Additionally, she was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian/Chaplin for the International Department of Evangelism under the leadership of President Elijah Hankerson. In November of 2013, Judge Lewis was elected to the Judiciary Board of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.