

Judge Pamela Saindon is a dedicated public servant with a diverse and distinguished legal career and a deep commitment to social justice. After graduating from DePaul University College of Law, she began her legal career clerking for Illinois Appellate Court Justice William Cousins Jr. and Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles Freeman. Her dedication to public service was further exemplified in her role as Associate General Counsel for the Chicago Housing Authority, where she spent 14 years navigating Contracts, Torts, and Housing Policy and Legislation Divisions. She then served as a Principal Attorney with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, focusing on employment, real estate, and environmental law.

Before law school, Judge Saindon was a mental health specialist, counseling court-referred adolescents and adults, and giving vital presentations on teen mental health and suicide prevention. Her career has now come full circle with her appointment in March 2023 as Associate Judge of Cook County, where she sits in the Child Protection Division, continuing her lifelong dedication to the well-being of children and adolescents.

Judge Saindon is an advocate for social justice and education. She previously served as the 2nd Vice President of the NAACP Chicago Southside branch and as an educator at UIC Law School, where she taught appellate practice, motion practice, and legal drafting. Her contributions to the legal field include writing articles on the importance of diversity, Cook County's Resolution Courts Program, and redistricting.

Her service extends to the legal community through her appointments by the Illinois Supreme Court to the Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Courts and the Committee on Professional Responsibility. She has held leadership roles in various bar associations, including the Cook County Bar Association and the Decalogue Society of Lawyers' Board of Directors, serving actively on their Antisemitism and Hate Committee. Her outstanding service to the legal community was recognized with the Presidential Award by the Illinois Judicial Council.

As a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), Judge Saindon proudly serves as Director of District 8, promoting the NAWJ's mission to protect individual rights under the rule of law, ensure fairness and equality in the courts, and advocate for equal access to justice.