



### **Thomas M. Welch**

Thomas M. Welch was born in 1939. He received his B.S. from the University of Illinois and his J.D. from the University of Missouri. He served as Circuit Court magistrate from 1965 to 1971 and as Madison County assistant state’s attorney from 1971 through 1972. Judge Welch was elected to the Appellate Court in 1980 and retained four times.

### **Milton S. Wharton**

Milton S. Wharton was born in 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his B.S. from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. He served as an associate judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit from 1976 to 1988 and a circuit judge from 1988 to 2012. Judge Wharton was assigned to the Appellate Court in 2019.



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## **Appellate Court Clerks**



**Thomas D. Palella**  
1st District  
Appointed 2017



**Jeffrey H. Kaplan**  
2nd District  
Appointed 2020



**Matthew G. Butler**  
3rd District  
Appointed 2020



**Carla L. Bender**  
4th District  
Appointed 2009



**Jack Flood**  
5th District  
Appointed 2009