

Illinois Court of Claims Judges

The Illinois Court of Claims has exclusive jurisdiction to hear all claims regarding any contract with the State of Illinois; torts committed by agents of the state; time unjustly served by innocent persons in Illinois prisons; torts committed by escaped inmates of state-controlled institutions; and lapsed appropriations claims. The Court of Claims administers assistance programs to compensate families of law enforcement officers, firefighters and military personnel killed in the line of duty. The court also vouchers awards to innocent victims of violent crimes as authorized by the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.



Peter J. Birnbaum
Chief Justice
Appointed 2004



Mary Patricia Burns
Appointed 2009



Joseph Gagliardo
Appointed 2017



Michael L. McGlynn
Appointed 2015



Robert J. Sprague
Appointed 2019



Nancy Zettler
Appointed 2019