



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Amy Patton Campanelli

Position: Cook County Public Defender

Department/Board/Commission: Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Effective date: 4/1/2015

Expiration date: 3/31/2021

Summary: Amy Patton Campanelli is hereby appointed to serve as the Cook County Public Defender for a six year term beginning 4/1/2015 and ending 3/31/2021. Ms. Campanelli will assume the position of Public Defender upon approval by the Board of Commissioners and following the expiration of Mr. Abishi Carrando "A.C." Cunningham, Jr.'s appointed term. Mr. Cunningham's appointment expires March 31, 2015 and all of Cook County thanks him for his service.

Ms. Campanelli brings 23 years of service in the Office of the Cook County Public Defender, and nearly 30 years of legal experience, to the position of Cook County Public Defender. She currently serves as the Deputy of Suburban Operations for the Office of the Cook County Public Defender. In that position she manages more than 150 assistant public defenders, supervisors, chiefs, support staff and investigators and oversees all specialty/therapeutic courts. Ms. Campanelli previously served as an Assistant Cook County Public Defender before entering management in the Office in 2003. She has experience in all divisions of the Office, including Juvenile, Felony Trial, Capital, and Homicide cases. Her extensive legal and administrative experience will be an asset to the administration of the Office of Cook County Public Defender.

Ms. Campanelli satisfies all of the qualifications for the position of Public Defender as set forth in the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/3-4004.2). This appointment is recommended for your approval.