
CELESTE STEWART STACK

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Hale & Monico, LLC-Chicago, IL.

September 2017-present

Criminal defense litigation, primarily post-conviction matters and investigations.

Supervisor-Special Litigation (Post-Conviction), DNA Review Unit, and Conviction Integrity Units

Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Chicago, IL January 2000 to May 2017

Litigated and investigated wrongful conviction claims, police misconduct and pattern of misconduct claims, new areas of expert/forensic evidence and numerous constitutional issues.

Drafted federal grant for investigatory unit which became the Conviction Integrity Unit ("CIU") in 2011.

DNA Review Unit-Deputy Supervisor Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Chicago, IL November 2003 to January 2005

Assisted in supervision and grant compliance, review and reporting and personally litigated post-conviction 2000 to May 2017

judicial system. Filed pleadings and conducted arguments and hearings and advised Unit attorneys on the process and helped review their cases filed under 735 ILCS 5/2-702..

Appellate Attorney

Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Chicago, IL May 1991 to July 1998

Drafted 55 appellate briefs and argued 20+ before the Illinois Appellate Court. Drafted and argued five capital appeals before the Illinois Supreme Court. "Briefs-out supervisor": edited briefs drafted by other appellate attorneys.

Trial Attorney

Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Chicago, IL August 1986 to May 1991

Litigated 40+ juries to verdict including murder, sex assault, armed robbery); 7 misdemeanor juries, and hundreds of bench trials and motions. Supervised courtroom attorneys, investigators, and support staff. Handled voluminous court calls, offering pleas, and exchanging discovery.

Education

J.D.

Chicago-Kent College of Law - Chicago, IL 1986

B.A. in Psychology (Political Science minor)

Metropolitan State University - Denver, CO -May 1983

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