



The Illinois Judges Foundation Presents

JUDGES JOKE

Where the only thing overruled... is silence.

Lawyers may argue.
Jurors may deliberate.
But for one night, judges
deliver the punchlines.

Join us for Judges Joke, an evening of stand-up comedy, musical surprises, and unexpected legal levity—all in support of the Illinois Judges Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit advancing benevolent and educational initiatives benefiting the judiciary and the Illinois Judges Association.

\$100 per person

Includes food, 2 drink tickets, & unlimited judicial side-eye



RSVP by Feb 17



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Thursday, February 19, 2026
Bottom Lounge
1375 W. Lake Street, Chicago
5:30 PM Doors Open -
6:00 PM Show Begins

On the Docket: Laughter

IJF's continuing foray into stand-up comedy features judges trading robes for punchlines. Expect sharp wit, surprising talents, and jokes that definitely won't be sustained on appeal.

No objections. No motions. Just laughter—for a great cause.

Calling All Judges: Take the Stand (Up)

Sitting and retired judges with an active funny bone are hereby summoned to apply to perform and compete for bragging rights at our annual Judges Joke Night.

The Rules (Few and Flexible):

- Performance Length: 5 minutes
- Format: Your choice—stand-up, monologue, skit, musical performance, or other creative argument
- Goal: Beat the other judges and win eternal bragging rights
- Robes optional. Timing encouraged.
- Reach out to Michael Bender, mbender@caesarbenderlaw.com, by February 13 to sign up

Laughter is the best remedy—and every laugh supports a great cause.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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