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*Obama's a shoe-in here in his home state, but here's still a ballot full of other reasons to get your ass to the polls.*

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### **If you want the bad apples off the bench...**

Ever heard of Evelyn B. Clay? How about Casandra Lewis? These and 70 other retention-seeking Cook County Circuit Court judges – virtual unknowns unless you've somehow found yourself in front of their benches – make up a dizzying 75 percent of the ballot.

Luckily, a dozen area law associations publish short reviews of these judges, suggesting whether they should be retained. Malcolm Rich, a local attorney and the director of the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, pulled together links to all the reviews on the non-partisan site [voteforjudges.org](http://voteforjudges.org). The Chicago Bar Association, for instance, branded both Lewis and Clay "not recommended," laying down the smack with pithy blurbs like "concerns were raised about Judge Clay's knowledge of the law and poor judgement in making insensitvie comments from the bench." Damn! Move over, Judge Judy.