

Judge Patricia S. Spratt was sworn as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge on September 8, 2015, having been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill the unexpired term of a retiring circuit court judge. In 2016 she was elected to remain in that seat and has served continuously since then. Judge Spratt currently has two court assignments. Four days a week she is assigned to the Civil Calendar in the 4th Municipal District Court. One day a week she presides in the North Lawndale Restorative Justice Community Court, the first of its kind in Illinois. Here, the focus is on repairing the harm caused by the criminal conduct of a young person to a victim, the community, and most importantly, to the young person him- or herself.

Judge Spratt's professional activities include having been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve on two of its committees: the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility, and the Supreme Court Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee.

Judge Spratt's community activities include, since 2015, being a member of the Board of Directors of BUILD Chicago, Inc. (Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development), a charitable organization whose mission is to engage school-age community youth in the Austin community of Chicago who are at risk of being harmed by, or drawn into, gang and criminal conduct. BUILD representatives are in the schools and on the streets in Austin, to help those young people realize their educational and career potential, and to contribute to the stability, safety, and well-being of their community. Also, since 2015, Judge Spratt has volunteered in BUILD's Public Speaking Program, where she coaches BUILD youth to develop confidence, poise, and presence when speaking to, or with, others, skills on which they can draw when being interviewed for college admission or employment opportunities.