

## Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr.

### FROM 43rd STREET TO LaSALLE STREET



**Justice Neville**, sworn in on June 15, 2018 as the 117th and 2nd African American Justice to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court in its 200 year history, has had a forty-eight year legal career that has taken him from 43rd Street to LaSalle Street. Justice Neville, a product of Chicago's public schools, graduated from Forrestville Grammar School and DuSable High School. After graduating from Culver Stockton College, he received his law degree from Washington University's School of Law. Justice Neville has been actively practicing law since 1974 when he became a law clerk for Justice Glenn T. Johnson of the Illinois Appellate Court. Thereafter, Justice Neville specialized in appellate, employment, civil rights and complex civil litigation.

Throughout his legal career, Justice Neville worked with public and private entities, including the Chicago Transit Authority. From 1977 until 1979, he was Of Counsel at Howard, Mann & Slaughter. In 1979, he became a principal with the law firm of Neville & Ward. In 1981, Neville established P. Scott Neville, Jr. & Associates, which merged with Howse, Howse, Neville & Gray in 1990. He has also been an instructor at the University of Chicago Law School in its Intensive Trial Practice Workshop.

During his career, Justice Neville used his legal skills to obtain justice for his clients. In 1992, he was a member of a team of attorneys (President Obama was one of the attorneys who worked on the case) that successfully prosecuted the 1992 Chicago Ward "ReMap" case, and a legal team that prosecuted a class action lawsuit on behalf of Black and Latino workers who were laid off by the City of Chicago.

An active member of many bar associations, Justice Neville is a life member of the National Bar Association and a member of the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) and Illinois State (ISBA) bar associations. Neville's commitment to the Bar was most evident in 1997 when he became President of the CCBA and co-founded the Alliance of Bar Associations, a group dedicated to promoting diversity, equality and fairness in judicial evaluations.

Justice Neville has also been a member of several judicial organizations. He is a past chairperson and board member of the Illinois Judicial Council, a member of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, and a member of the Illinois Judges Association.

Justice Neville has received numerous awards and appointments. In 1999, the Chicago Bar Association presented him with the prestigious Vanguard Award, and he received a Presidential Award from the ISBA. In 2007, Washington University School of Law presented him with its Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2008 he received an award from Toastmasters International. Finally, in 2017 he received the Stradford Award from Attorney Kimberly Fox, the State's Attorney of Cook County, and in 2020 was the American Board of Trial Advocates' Judge of the Year.

Justice Neville was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1999 and elected in 2000. On June 11, 2004, Justice Neville was appointed to the Appellate Court and was elected to the Appellate Court in 2012. Justice Neville served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Illinois Appellate Court, First District from September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014. Justice Neville was opposed by five Appellate Court Justices and one attorney but was elected to a 10-year term on the Illinois Supreme Court on November 3, 2020.

Justice Neville is married to Sharon J. Neville and has two adult stepdaughters.