



ELLEN SHIRER KOVACH is the Chief Judge of the 24th Judicial District Court. She was elected Judge Division K in 2008 and re-elected without opposition in 2014 and 2020. She served as an ad hoc judge appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal for the 2015 and 2018 summer sessions. In addition to her regular criminal and civil dockets, she serves as 24th JDC Specialty Court judge with adult drug court and DWI treatment court dockets. She is a past president of the Louisiana Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association and past president of the Fifth Circuit Judges Association. Judge Kovach serves as an ad hoc professor at Loyola University School of Law (2017-present) and Tulane University Law School (2010-present). Prior to her election to the bench, she practiced general civil litigation. She also served as an elected member of the Jefferson Parish School Board. Judge Kovach received a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University School of Law.