

Susan E. Cox Biography

Susan E. Cox was selected as a Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago on April 19, 2007 and came on duty on August 27, 2007. Prior to her appointment as Magistrate Judge, Judge Cox was the president and owner of The Law Offices of Susan E. Cox, Ltd., a litigation firm specializing in federal criminal defense and litigation. Judge Cox's litigation background includes three years as law clerk to United States District Judge Wayne R. Andersen, eight years as an Assistant United States Attorney, and thirteen years of civil practice, including substantial trial work in employment, commercial, and patent infringement cases. Judge Cox also served as an impartial Due Process Hearing Officer for the Illinois State Board of Education from June 2005 until June 2007, and as a Federal Defender panel attorney from 2003 until her judicial appointment. Judge Cox was also appointed by the federal court to assist in monitoring employment actions of the City of Chicago and served in that capacity from August 2005 until her appointment as Magistrate Judge.

Judge Cox currently serves on the Board of Directors of Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center, and has previously served on the board of her community's YMCA, and the local school advisory council. She is an active member of the Chicago Bar Association, where she formerly served on the Board of Managers, the Chicago Council of Lawyers where she formerly served on the Board of Governors, and the Federal Bar Association. Additionally, Judge Cox was also a member of the Seventh Circuit Jury Project Commission. Judge Cox currently serves as an adjunct professor for De Paul College of Law and previously served as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Graduate School of Public Administration.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Allegheny College (1980), Judge Cox received her law degree from Boston University Law School (1983) where she was an editor of the *Boston University Law Review*.