James E. Snyder

Judge Snyder was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2007 by the Illinois Supreme Court and has been an Associate Judge since 2008. Prior to his appointment to the bench he served as General Counsel of Illinois Human Rights Commission and has taught and written about the law of work place sexual harassment, employment discrimination, fair housing, and disability access.

Judge Snyder has been an active in judicial education teaching peer education classes in advanced discovery, consumer fraud and civil procedure. He has served on the Supreme Court Committees for Judicial Performance Evaluation, Judicial Education and served as the Chairperson for the Illinois Advanced Judicial Academy. He presides over a Commercial Litigation docket in the Circuit Court of Cook County and is a former president of the Alliance of Illinois LGBT Judges.