Justice Eileen O'Neill Burke was appointed to the 1ST District Appellate Court in March 2016 and elected in December 2016. Justice Burke previously served on the Circuit Court of Cook County from 2008 to 2016 and was assigned to Law Division, overseeing complex commercial litigation matters. Justice Burke also presided over the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies calendar and the Law Division Motion Call. Prior to becoming a judge, Justice Burke was a Cook County State's Attorney and a criminal defense attorney.

Justice Burke has been a member of the IJA Board of Directors since 2009. She is the prior chairman of the In-Schools Programs Committee and is the current Treasurer of IJA.