Christopher R. Foley Candidate for Milwaukee County Circuit Court Branch 14

Christopher Foley has been a Circuit Court Judge for Milwaukee County since 1985. He previously served as chair of the Juvenile Jury Instruction Committee and served for over 10 years on the Juvenile Benchbook Committee. Judge Foley was named a "Milwaukeean of the Year" in 1996 by Milwaukee Magazine and was given the Children's Service Society Service to Children Award in 1997 for his work in implementing the Foster Care Conversion Project which freed hundreds of children for adoption who had been mired in long-term foster care. Judge Foley has testified before congressional committees and appeared on ABC News Nightline and NBC's Today Show discussing child custody disputes. He was recently awarded Marquette University's Professional Achievement Award; the Jockey Being Family's Award of Judicial Excellence; and named an Angel in Adoption by the U.S. Congress Adoption Caucus for his adoption work.

A graduate of Marquette Law School in 1978, Judge Foley was a law clerk for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, a Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney and a Milwaukee Municipal Court judge before he was appointed to succeed his father, the Honorable Leander J. Foley, Jr., as a circuit judge. He has been re-elected without opposition six times. He and his wife, Deb, are the proud parents of seven children: Rebecca, Christopher, Jr., Patrick, Kevin, Sean, Donald and Ben, and the proud grandparents of Nora Grace Foley.