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Skolnick hunts for honest judge

SHERMAN Skolnick, who claims personal credit for driving a dozen corrupt judges from office, says he's tackling his career's toughest task—finding an honest judge.

Skolnick and his Citizens Committee to Clean Up the Courts are defendants in a \$6-million damage suit initiated by lawyers whom Skolnick publicly accused of bribing judges. Skolnick contends Chicago judges could not try the case fairly because it involves their colleagues.

Now, Judge Nicholas Bua has decided that Skolnick can pick any judge in the state to hear the case.



Sherman Skolnick

EVEN WITH that much territory, Skolnick said Saturday, "It's much harder to find an honest judge than to find a corrupt one in Illinois." He said Bua's decision is a ploy to lend credence to the disposition of his case, but Skolnick will submit a list of judges to Bua by Feb. 10.

"Even so," Skolnick lamented, "we may accidentally submit the name of a corrupt judge. We don't have files on every judge in the state."

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