

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

COURT CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.001403 In re: Judicial Vacancy

In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Thirteenth Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Ralph E. Meczyk is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Thirteenth Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the Honorable Samuel J. Betar, III. Ralph E. Meczyk has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Eleventh Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Dawn M. Gonzalez is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Eleventh Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the Honorable Ann Finley Collins. Dawn M. Gonzalez has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Fourth Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Koula A. Fournier is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Fourth Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the Honorable Edward M. Maloney. Koula A. Fournier has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial

staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, at Large

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Jennifer P. Callahan is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, at Large, to the position formerly held by the Honorable William B. Raines. Jennifer P. Callahan has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Thirteenth Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Mary Sevandal Cohen is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Thirteenth Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the Honorable Ketki Shroff Steffen. Mary Sevandal Cohen has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Tenth Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Caroline Glennon-Goodman is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Tenth Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the Honorable Clare E. McWilliams. Caroline Glennon-Goodman has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

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In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and out of public necessity in order to ensure a more adequate level of judicial staffing within the Circuit Court of Cook County; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c), of article VI of the Constitution of this State, the following appointment is made:

Circuit Judge of Cook County, Eighth Subcircuit

Effective February 2, 2024, and terminating December 2, 2024, Loveleen Ahuja is appointed Circuit Judge of Cook County, Eighth Subcircuit, to the position formerly held by the

Honorable Ann Collins-Dole. Loveleen Ahuja has received recent positive ratings from members of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening and the Chicago Bar Association following the interviews and evaluations.

Order entered by the Court.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED AND ORDERS WERE ENTERED AS INDICATED:

CIVIL DOCKET

130354 Robert Dorman et al., movants, v. Hon. Stephen A. Stobbs, Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, et al., etc., respondents. Supervisory Order.

Motion by Movants for a supervisory order.

LEAVE TO APPEAL DOCKET

128668 Jason F. Woolsey, respondent, v. The Illinois State Police, petitioner. Leave to appeal, Appellate Court, Fourth District.

Motion by Petitioner for summary reversal of the Appellate Court, Fourth District, Rule 23 order filed in *Woolsey v. Illinois State Police*, case No. 4-21-0647, in light of this Court's opinion in *Hart v. Illinois State Police*, 2022 IL 128275.

130351 People State of Illinois, petitioner, v. Ralph Harris, respondent. Leave to appeal, Appellate Court, First District.

Motion by Petitioner to stay the proceedings in the Circuit Court of Cook County, case Nos. 95 CR 27596, 95 CR 27598, and 95 CR 27600, *People v. Ralph Harris*, pending disposition of the petition for leave to appeal. Allowed

Order entered by Justice Neville

130352

In re Marriage of Maria M. Price, respondent, and Guy M. Price, petitioner. Leave to appeal, Appellate Court, Third District.

Motion by Petitioner, *pro se*, for leave to file a Petition for Leave to Appeal Instanter. Allowed

Order entered by Justice O'Brien

Motion by Petitioner, *pro se*, for waiver of the requirement to provide thirteen (13) copies of Petition for Leave to Appeal. Allowed

Order entered by Justice O'Brien

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.032048

In re: Kellie Ann Yoshiko Togashi, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change her name on the roll of attorneys from Kellie Ann Yoshiko Togashi to Kellie Ann Yoshiko Kawamoto. Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis

M.R.032049

In re: William Luke McNabola, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change his name on the roll of attorneys from William Luke McNabola to Luke William McNabola. Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis

M.R.032050

In re: Katherine Anastasia Chekouras, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change her name on the roll of attorneys from Katherine Anastasia Chekouras to Katherine Anastasia LeCompte. Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis

M.R.032051

In re: Christine Marie Niemczyk, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change her name on the roll of attorneys from Christine Marie Niemczyk to Christine Marie Fiscella.

Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis

M.R.032052

In re: Katherine Anne Lawton, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change her name on the roll of attorneys from Katherine Anne Lawton to Katherine Anne Moore.

Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis

M.R.032053

In re: Emily Ruth Melahn, an attorney, petitioner.

Petitioner's motion to change her name on the roll of attorneys from Emily Ruth Melahn to Emily Ruth Zoellner. Allowed

Order entered by Chief Justice Theis