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CHIEF JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL VACANCY IN NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride has announced an application process for appointment to a resident circuit court vacancy in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. The vacancy will be created upon Circuit Judge Edward R. Danner's retirement, effective July 4, 2013.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. Chief Justice Kilbride will make a recommendation to the Court after applicants undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted at the courthouses within the Ninth Judicial Circuit, comprised of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren counties. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at www.state.il.us/court and following the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Ninth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

Applicants must submit one original and the requisite number of copies of the application and other documents as instructed in the application packet. To be considered, all documents must be received in Chief Justice Kilbride's office no later than **11:30 am on Monday, June 24, 2013**.

An applicant must be admitted to practice law in Illinois, and must be in good standing with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Other qualities an applicant must possess include: a demonstrated reputation for integrity and good character; a demonstrated commitment to equal justice under law; outstanding legal ability and competence; and the appropriate demeanor, character and temperament.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 1, 2014, when the position will be filled by the 2014 General Election.

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