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SUPREME COURT APPOINTS MCHENRY COUNTY ASSOCIATE JUDGE TO FILL UPCOMING CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCY

Justice Robert R. Thomas and the Illinois Supreme Court announced Tuesday the appointment of McHenry County Associate Judge James S. Cowlin as a resident Circuit Judge in the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Judge Cowlin was appointed to fill the position currently held by Circuit Judge Gordon E. Graham, who is retiring from judicial office on September 7, 2015. The appointment takes effect September 8, 2015 and will terminate December 5, 2016, when the position will be filled by the 2016 General Election.

Judge Cowlin, 58, has been an Associate Judge in the 22nd Judicial Circuit, which is comprised solely of McHenry County, since November 2007. He was reappointed to four-year terms in 2011 and 2015.

Prior to joining the judiciary, Judge Cowlin practiced law in McHenry as a partner at Cowlin & Cowlin (1996-2007) and Truckenbrod & Cowlin (1985-1996).

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin in 1979 and earned his *Juris Doctor* degree in 1982 from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Judge Cowlin's father and grandfather, both named Henry L. Cowlin, also were McHenry County judges.

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