



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **JUSTICE BURKE ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN 13<sup>TH</sup> SUBCIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke announced today an application process for a vacancy in the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County.

The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Cook County Circuit Judge Thomas P. Fecarotta Jr., who served as a judge since 1998. His retirement took effect September 30, 2015.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled on an interim basis by Supreme Court appointment until the next General Election. Justice Burke will make a recommendation to the Supreme Court after applicants for the position undergo a screening and evaluation process.

The process will include a review by a special judicial screening committee that Justice Burke established in 2006 and is chaired by retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Benjamin K. Miller.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer in good standing, licensed to practice law in Illinois and a resident of the 13th Judicial Subcircuit, which encompasses all or portions of Barrington, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover and Schaumburg, among others.

To view a precise description and map of the 13th Judicial Subcircuit, applicants should consult the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.il.gov/votinginformation/cooksubcircuits.aspx>

The deadline for submission of applications is **4 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015.**

Completed applications should be submitted by mail to the Hon. Benjamin K. Miller, c/o Jenner & Block, 353 N. Clark St., 42nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60654.

Notice of the vacancy and details of the application process are posted on the Illinois Supreme Court's website at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov). From there, follow the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the 13th Judicial Subcircuit vacancy.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 5, 2016 when the position will be filled by the November 2016 general election.

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