



Supreme Court of Illinois

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GARMAN ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for an At-Large Circuit Court vacancy in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Judge Claudia Anderson on November 30, 2016. Judge Anderson has been a Circuit Judge since 1998.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to the final Court approval. Applicants will undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted in the courthouses throughout the Circuit. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov> and following the instructions in the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Fifth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

Deadline for submission of an application is **Friday, November 18, 2016**.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the first Monday in December following the November 2018 election.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois.

The Fifth Judicial Circuit encompasses five counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, and Vermilion counties.

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