



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF HON. RICHARD GAMBRELL IN NINTH CIRCUIT

Justice Lisa Holder White and the Supreme Court of Illinois announced today the appointment of retired Judge Richard H. Gambrell in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Gambrell is being appointed to the vacancy created by the retirement of Fulton County Resident Circuit Judge Thomas B. Ewing on Jan. 2, 2026. The appointment is effective Jan. 19, 2026, and concludes on Dec. 4, 2028.

Judge Gambrell was appointed as a circuit judge in 1998 and served as an associate judge from 1999-2018. He was reappointed as a circuit judge from 2020-2022. He currently serves as Assistant State's Attorney in Hancock County and as an Adjunct Professor at Quincy University.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and his Juris Doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law.

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