



Supreme Court of Illinois

December 3, 2024

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DAVID K. OVERSTREET ANNOUNCES TWO RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCIES IN SECOND CIRCUIT

Justice David K. Overstreet of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for two resident circuit judge vacancies in the 2nd Judicial Circuit in Wayne and Edwards counties.

A vacancy for Resident Circuit Judge, Wayne County, was created by the resignation of Judge Michael J. Molt, effective November 30, 2024. A vacancy for Resident Circuit Judge, Edwards County, was created by the death of Judge Michael J. Valentine on November 5, 2024. Appointment to both vacancies go through December 7, 2026, following the 2026 November general election.

Qualifications for the office of circuit judge are set forth in section 11 of article VI of the Illinois Constitution and 705 ILCS 40/2(d). Persons meeting those qualifications are invited to submit applications containing the information requested in the Applicant Information sheet for Resident Circuit Judge, Wayne/Edwards County, Second Judicial Circuit Vacancy along with a cover letter, to Justice David K. Overstreet, P.O. Box 489, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 or electronically to his Judicial Secretary, René Gozia at rgozia@illinoiscourts.gov. Applications must be received in Justice Overstreet's office by **Monday, December 16, 2024**.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois and must be a resident of the county for which they are applying.

**(FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: James Brunner, Public Information Officer
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