



Supreme Court of Illinois

December 20, 2024

JUSTICE JOY V. CUNNINGHAM ANNOUNCES 3 JUDICIAL VACANCIES IN COOK COUNTY

Supreme Court Justice Joy V. Cunningham has begun an application process for three judicial vacancies, one At-Large vacancy and two subcircuit vacancies, in Cook County.

The At-Large vacancy is for the seat of Judge Mary Ellen Coghlan (vacant effective September 1, 2024) and the subcircuit vacancies are for the seats of Judge Carl A. Walker (1st Subcircuit, vacant effective December 2, 2024) and Judge Shannon P. O'Malley (13th Subcircuit, vacant effective December 1, 2024).

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

The process will include a review by a judicial selection committee which Justice Cunningham previously [announced](#). The Committee is chaired by Attorney Tim Tomasik, former General Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee.

The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at www.illinoiscourts.gov and following the instructions in the latest news scroller announcing the Cook County vacancies.

Applications must be filed electronically and the deadline for submission is **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025**.

The persons appointed to fill the vacancies will serve until the first Monday in December following the November 2026 election.

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 county or subcircuit at the time of appointment.

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