



## Supreme Court of Illinois

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### **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS MARK ISAF AS RESIDENT JUDGE IN FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Justice David K. Overstreet and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Mark R. Isaf as a Resident Circuit Judge of Edgar County, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Isaf is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Steven L. Garst in January 2022.

The appointment takes effect on June 1, 2022, and will conclude on December 5, 2022, when the vacancy will be filled by the winner of the November 2022 general election. Mr. Isaf is currently running unopposed for that seat.

“I welcome Mr. Isaf to the bench and look forward to his participation in the judicial community. The citizens of Edgar County have shown their confidence in Mr. Isaf by electing him as Edgar County State’s Attorney for the past 12 years. I know he will bring a well-rounded approach to the bench from the time he has spent as a member of the bar and his civic volunteer duties.”

Mr. Isaf has served as the Edgar County State’s Attorney since 2010. Prior to this, he worked in the private sector as a partner at Asher, Smith, & Isaf for 15 years. He is a past chairman of the Illinois Workers Compensation Advisory Board, a past President of the Edgar County Bar Association, and a temporary member of the Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases. He has also served as a special Assistant Attorney General in Illinois Department of Transportation eminent domain cases.

“It is an honor and a privilege to receive this appointment from the Illinois Supreme Court and Justice Overstreet,” Mr. Isaf said. “I look forward to the challenge of the new role as resident circuit judge and further serving the residents of Edgar County.”

Mr. Isaf earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College and his *Juris Doctor* from the Northern Illinois University College of Law.

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

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