



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ASSIGNS HON. ROBERT C. BOLLINGER TO FIFTH DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT

Justice David K. Overstreet and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the assignment of the Honorable Robert C. "R.C." Bollinger to the Fifth District Appellate Court.

Judge Bollinger is being assigned to fill a newly created vacancy on the Fifth District Appellate Court. The assignment is effective September 29, 2025, and will continue until further order of the Court.

Judge Bollinger was first selected as an Associate Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Macon County, in 2008. In 2014, he was elected as a Resident Circuit Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit and has gone on to serve as Deputy Presiding Circuit Judge for Macon County. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Bollinger was an attorney for 12 years at Erickson, Davis, Murphy, Johnson, Griffith & Walsh, Ltd., in Decatur.

Judge Bollinger earned his bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Illinois State University and his *Juris Doctor, magna cum laude*, from the Southern Illinois University School of Law. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Judicial College and is the past Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Education and the Illinois Civil Law Benchbook, as well as a past Director of the Illinois Judges Association.

The Fifth Appellate District hears cases from across 48 counties in the southernmost part of Illinois, including: Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

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