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**CIRCUIT COURT
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

NOTICE OF VACANCY

ASSOCIATE JUDGE – NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. The associate judge position is the result of the retirement of the Honorable Luis A. Berrones, Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, effective on July 31, 2026. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any United States Citizen who is an attorney, licensed to practice law in Illinois, and a resident of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit may apply by electronically filing a signed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on the form prescribed and furnished by the Director. The instructions for submitting an application electronically are available on the Supreme Court's website: <http://illinoiscourts.gov>

If unable to submit an application electronically, an applicant must submit two (2) signed originals of the prescribed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at the address listed below:

**Marcia M. Meis, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
3101 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, Illinois 62704-6488**

Whether electronically filed, mailed, or hand delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office within 30 days after the date of this Notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.** A form for application can be obtained from either the Chief Judge's Office, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, or from the Illinois Supreme Court website <http://illinoiscourts.gov> and downloaded from the Judicial Vacancies link. **Applications will not be accepted if submitted via facsimile.**

The list of applicants will be submitted for polling to the Lake County Bar Association. Applicants will also be required to make themselves available for an interview and screening process with the Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Applicants will be notified of the date, time and location of the interview and details of the screening process at the close of the application phase.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2026.

DANIEL B. SHANES
Chief Judge, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit