

## NOTICE OF VACANCY ASSOCIATE JUDGE, 14<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. The associate judge position is the result of the retirement of the Honorable Theodore G. Kutsunis, effective December 31, 2025. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any attorney, who is a United States citizen, is licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois and is a resident of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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://www.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 Meis, Director  
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts  
3101 Old Jacksonville Road  
Springfield, IL 62704-6488

Whether electronically filed, mailed or hand-delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025.** A form for application may be obtained from either the Chief Judge's Office, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts or from the Illinois Supreme Court website: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov> and download from the Judicial Vacancies link. **Applications will not be accepted if submitted via facsimile.**

Applicants for this position may also be required to make themselves available for an interview with the Circuit Judges of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. If an interview is necessary, the applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of their interview at the close of the application period. Applicants are to refrain from contacting any Circuit Judge regarding their candidacy. A Circuit judge, however, may contact any applicant.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2025.

  
Clarence M. Darrow, Chief Judge  
14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit