

January 10, 2025

JUSTICE DAVID K. OVERSTREET ANNOUNCES AT-LARGE VACANCY IN FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice David K. Overstreet of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for an at-large circuit judge vacancy in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

The vacancy was created by the upcoming retirement of Judge Douglas L. Jarman, effective January 29, 2025.

Pursuant to the authority of section 12, subsection (c) of article VI of the Constitution of Illinois, the Supreme Court will appoint a person to temporarily fill that vacancy until the vacancy is filled through the general election on November 3, 2026. The temporary appointment will terminate December 7, 2026. To be eligible for appointment to fill this vacancy, a person must be a resident in the Fourth Judicial Circuit at the time of the appointment.

Qualifications for the office of Circuit Judge are set forth in section 11 of article VI of the Constitution of Illinois and 705 ILCS 40/2(d). Persons meeting those qualifications are invited to submit applications containing the information requested in the Applicant Information for Circuit Judge At Large, Fourth Judicial Circuit Vacancy, along with a cover letter to Justice David K. Overstreet, P.O. Box 489, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 or electronically to his Senior Law Clerk, Tracy Martin at tmartin@illinoiscourts.gov. Applications must be received in his office by Friday, January 31, 2025.

The Applicant Information form may be obtained from Justice Overstreet or the following:

Chief Judge Martin W. Siemer, Fayette County Courthouse, 221 S. 7th St., Vandalia, IL 62471

4th Circuit Court Clerks:

Christian County – Jeff Voorhees, Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., Taylorville, IL 62568 Clay County – Crystal Ballard, Courthouse, 111 Chestnut St., Louisville, IL 62858 Clinton County – Rod Kloeckner, Courthouse, 850 Fairfax, Carlyle, IL 62231 Effingham County – Tammy Kreke, 120 W. Jefferson, Effingham, IL 62401 Fayette County – Kathy Emerick, Courthouse, 221 S. 7th St, Vandalia, IL 62471 Jasper County – Jamie Blake, Courthouse, 100 W. Jourdan, Newton, IL 62448 Marion County – Tiffany Schicker, Courthouse, 100 E. Main St., Salem, IL 62881 Montgomery County – Daniel Robbins, Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049 Shelby County – Peter Otis, Courthouse, 301 E. Main St., Shelbyville, IL 62565

(FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: James Brunner, Public Information Officer of the Illinois Supreme Court at 217.208.3354 or jbrunner@illinoiscourts.gov.)