

NOTICE OF VACANCY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE, 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. This vacancy is the result of the retirement of Associate Judge James D. Orel, effective December 31, 2024. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges of the 18th 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 18th 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, IL 62704-6488

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE WAS REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AND ONLY APPLICATIONS ON THE REVISED FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Whether electronically filed, mailed or hand delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts within 30 days after the date of this Notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2024. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2024.** A form for application may be obtained from either the Chief Judge's Office, the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts or downloaded 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.**

Applicants for this position may also be required to make themselves available for an interview with the Circuit Judges of the 18th 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 November 15, 2024


Bonnie M. Wheaton, Chief Judge
18th Judicial Circuit