



## Supreme Court of Illinois

May 22, 2026

### **JUSTICE ELIZABETH ROCHFORD ANNOUNCES NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN KANE COUNTY**

Justice Elizabeth Rochford of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for a Resident Circuit Judge vacancy in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Fourth Subcircuit. The vacancy will be created by the upcoming retirement of Judge Susan Clancy Boles on July 31, 2026.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to full Court approval.

Notice of the vacancy will be posted at the Kane County Courthouse. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at: [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov) and following the instruction in the latest news scroller announcing the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit vacancy. Please submit application and supporting documents to Stacie Ryan at [sryan@illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:sryan@illinoiscourts.gov).

Deadline for submission of an application is **June 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.**

The person selected to fill the vacancy will serve until the first Monday in December following the November 2028 general election.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois and a resident of the Sixteenth Circuit. Any candidate seeking appointment to this vacancy shall, at the time of appointment, reside within the Subcircuit No. 4 boundaries. See [705 ILCS 35/2f-9](#). A map of the subcircuit boundaries can be found [here](#).

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