Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS HON. DAVID LEWIS AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN CLARK COUNTY

Justice David K. Overstreet and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Associate Judge David W. Lewis as a Resident Circuit Judge for Clark County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Lewis is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of Clark County Circuit Judge Tracy Resch, who announced that he will not be seeking retention in this November's election and will retire at the end of his current term after 36 years on the bench. The appointment of Judge Lewis is effective December 7, 2026, and will conclude on December 4, 2028.

Judge Lewis has presided for 25 years as an Associate Judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit where he has been reappointed six times while overseeing civil and criminal cases. Prior to joining the bench, he was the Clark County State's Attorney from 1981 to 2001 where he served as the top prosecutor for all criminal and other prosecutions in the county.

Judge Lewis earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Illinois Chicago College of Law (formerly known as the John Marshall Law School).

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