Supreme Court of Illinois

October 14, 2026

JUSTICE ELIZABETH ROCHFORD ANNOUNCES NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN KENDALL COUNTY

Justice Elizabeth Rochford of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for a Resident Circuit Judge vacancy in Kendall County in the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit. The vacancy will be created by the upcoming retirement of Judge Robert P. Pilmer on November 30, 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 Kendall County Courthouse. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at: www.illinoiscourts.gov and following the instruction in the latest news scroller announcing the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit vacancy. Please submit application and supporting documents to Stacie Ryan at sryan@illinoiscourts.gov.

Deadline for submission of an application is **October 30, 2026, at 4 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 Kendall County.

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