

**NOTICE OF VACANCY**  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. This vacancy is the result of the resignation of Associate Judge Kenton J. Skarin, effective June 7, 2026. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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, June 29, 2026. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026.** 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 May 29, 2026

  
Bonnie M. Wheaton, Chief Judge  
18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit