



## Supreme Court of Illinois

August 2, 2021

### **SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS ANNOUNCES AT-LARGE COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT VACANCY**

Justice Mary Jane Theis of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for an At-Large Cook County Circuit Court judicial vacancy.

The vacancy is created as a result of the retirement of Judge Sharon Sullivan.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled on an interim basis by Supreme Court appointment. Justice Theis will make recommendations to the Supreme Court after applicants undergo a screening and evaluation process.

That process will include an evaluation by the Alliance of Bar Associations, which is made up of 11 bar groups in the Cook County area, and the Chicago Bar Association. Further review will be conducted by a special judicial screening committee that Justice Theis established in 2013.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer in good standing licensed to practice law in Illinois and a resident of Cook County.

The deadline for submission of applications is **4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.**

Applications are available [here](#) and may be submitted electronically to [lmarino@illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:lmarino@illinoiscourts.gov).

Notice of the vacancy and details of the application process are posted on the Illinois Supreme Court's website at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov).

Applicants who have previously applied for appointment to a vacancy must complete and submit a new application. If applicants have already been evaluated by the bar associations, they should include copies with the application. Applications may be submitted without bar evaluations.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the first Monday in December following the November 2022 general election.

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