APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO JUDICIAL OFFICE

I HEREBY SUBMIT MY NAME AS A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF CIRCUIT JUDGE OF THE 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

At Large - Thirteenth Judicial Circuit VACANCY

I. Canon 1 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge shall uphold and promote the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of the judge's activities."

1. (A) Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. (A) Date of Birth_____ (B) Place of Birth_____

3. (A) Home Address_____
(Street) (City) (County) (Zip)

(B) Home Phone_____ (C) Cell Phone_____

(D) Email Address_____

4. Are you a resident of the 13th Judicial Circuit ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. (A) Business Address_____
(Street) (City) (County) (Zip)

(B) Business Phone_____ (C) FAX Number_____

6. Educational background

	Name of School	Location	Dates	Major	Degree(s)
High School					
College(s)					
Law School(s)					

List Honors, Awards, Law Review, and other activities or achievements.

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7. Have you individually, your spouse, or any business with which you have been affiliated, declared bankruptcy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Date you were admitted to practice law in Illinois. _____

9. If you have been admitted to practice and/or actively practiced law in another state, please complete the following:

State(s)	Court(s)/Administrative Agency	Currently Licensed	Actively Practicing

10. Practice/Employment

List, in reverse chronological order, the history of your practice or employment since your graduation from law school, whether law related or not.

Dates To From	Name of Firm, Company, or Institution	Address (City/State)	Your Status Solo, Partner, Associate or Title Within Organization	Type of Practice/ Nature of Work

11. Indicate the approximate percentage of time devoted to the following types of practice. ("Litigation" includes, in addition to actual time in court or tribunal, the preparation for it. "Court" indicates federal and state judicial system. "Trib" indicates quasi-judicial tribunals, *e.g.* Industrial Commission, NLRB hearings, etc., "Non-Lit" indicates practice not involving litigation.)

Type of Practice	Litigation Court %	Litigation Other Trib.%	Non-Lit %
Anti-Trust & Trade Regulation			
Bankruptcy			
Chancery			
Corporate and Securities			
Criminal (Felony)			
Criminal (Misd./Traffic)			
Environmental			
Family Law			
Labor Relations			
Patent			
Probate & Estate Planning			
Real Estate			
State & Local Government			
Tax (Federal)			
Tax (State, Local)			
Tort (Personal Injury)			
Tort (P.D., Subrogation)			
Worker's Compensation			
Other:			
Other:			

(A) Jury Trial Experience (Please state your jury trial experience in actual or approximate numbers.)

	Jury Cases to Verdict		Jury Cases Started But Which Did Not Go To Verdict	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
As Lead Trial Counsel				
As Counsel Assisting at Trial				

(B) List the last two jury cases tried to verdict, during the past five years, including names of other attorneys and Judge.

	Case One	Case Two
Name of Case		
Case Number		
County		
Judge		
Attorney(s)		

(C) Non-Jury Trial Experience (Please state in actual or approximate numbers.)

	Civil	Criminal
(a) Number of contested Non-Jury cases commenced		
(b) How many of these cases went to judgement after the trial on the merits?		

(D) Appellate Practice

(a) How many cases have you personally handled as counsel on appeal? _____

(b) How many cases have you orally argued? _____

(c) List the five most significant cases you have personally handled as counsel on appeal, including citation. (If case argued yourself, place check as indicated in box.)

	If Argued Yourself
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12. As an applicant or candidate for any judicial or other office, have you been screened by any court, bar association, law enforcement agency or other group or organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please attach all evaluations.

13. Please describe why you are seeking a judicial position.

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14. Why do you believe you are qualified for appointment to judicial office?

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15. Please describe your judicial philosophy.

II. Rule 1.2 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety."

1. Has your license or right to practice before any state or federal court, agency, or other tribunal ever been denied, revoked, or suspended? If yes, state facts and circumstances fully. ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

2. Have you ever been formally censured, adjudged, or held in contempt or otherwise disciplined by any judge, court, agency or other tribunal? If yes, state facts and circumstances fully. ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

3. Has your professional conduct or ability been the subject or comment, favorable or unfavorable, in a written opinion of any judge, court, or tribunal? If yes, state facts and circumstances fully. ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

4. To your knowledge, has your professional conduct or ability been the subject of any criticism or complaint filed with or made to the Attorney's Registration and Disciplinary Commission of Illinois or to any similar authority of any other court or state? If yes, state facts and circumstances fully, including the disposition. (Attach additional pages, if necessary.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. To your knowledge, are you now the subject of any investigation by any governmental or professional authority? If yes, state facts and circumstances fully. ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

6. Have you ever pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please complete the following. (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Court	
Case Number	
Your Attorney's Name, Address, Phone	
Type of Offense	
Additional Information Concerning Facts and Circumstances of Offense	
Disposition, Including Supervision	

7. Are you currently in default on the repayment of an educational loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Are you currently in default on the payment of child support? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Public Act 87-1172 requires completion of a statement describing your obligation, under a court or administrative order, to provide child support payments.)

9. Please briefly explain if appointed to judicial office how you would promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary in your day-to-day activities both on and off the bench.

10. State what you believe to be the three most important judicial ethics issues facing Illinois judges today. The first issue identified should be what you believe is the most important.

11. What is the proper role of the judiciary in promoting diversity in the legal profession and on the bench? How can the judiciary better address diversity issues?

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III.(A) Rule 2.1 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "The duties of judicial office, as prescribed by law, shall take precedence over all of a judge's personal and extrajudicial activities. Rule 2.2 provides that "a judge shall uphold and apply the law and shall perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially."

1. Please list any continuing education attended in the last five years. (Such as seminars, symposiums, lectures, or legal meetings, specifying if you participated as a speaker, lecturer, panelist, etc.)

DATE	TYPE	YOUR PARTICIPATION	TOPIC

2. Provide the following information on at least four lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business who have knowledge regarding your character and ability.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship (*i.e.*, friend)	Length of time known to you
1.				
2.				
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4.				
5. (Optional)				

3. Complete the following information for lawyers who have represented adverse positions in matters handled by you in the past five years. There are two categories, litigation and non-litigation. Do not list the name of a lawyer in one category if that name is listed in the other. If you have had multiple matters with a listed lawyer, indicate that fact by checking the column provided and state the name of the most recent, or most significant, case or transaction handled with that lawyer.

(A) Litigation Matters

Name of Lawyer	Address/City	Phone	Name of Case	Approximate date	Multiple cases
1.					☐
2.					☐
3.					☐
4.					☐
5.(Optional)					☐

4. Non-Litigation Matters

Name of Lawyer	Address/City	Phone	Name of case or description of transaction	Approximate date	Multiple cases
1.					☐
2.					☐
3.					☐
4.					☐
5.(Optional)					☐

5. Provide the following information on at least one personal reference who has had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship (i.e., Friend)	Length of time known to you
1.				
2. (Optional)				
3. (Optional)				
4. (Optional)				
5. (Optional)				

6. Provide the following information for at least three, but not more than five, judges before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability.

Name of Judge	City	Phone	Name of Case
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2.			
3.			
4.(Optional)			
5.(Optional)			

III.(B) Rule 2.4(a) of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge shall not be swayed by public clamor or fear of criticism."

1. List any elective public office you have held.

Office	Location	Period of Service

2. List any appointive public office you have held.

Office	Location	Dates To/From	Duties	Part-Time or Full-Time

III.(C) Rule 2.6 (a) of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding or that person's lawyer the right to be heard according to law."

1. Have you participated in any *pro bono* activities? If yes, please give examples.

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2. What do you think is the role of the judge in a case where a party is not represented by counsel?

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III.(D) Rule 2.1, Comment [3], of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "Judges are reminded that article VI, section 13(b), of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires that a judge 'shall devote full time to judicial duties.' "

1. The essential functions of a judge include the ability to sit or remain in one place for extended lengths of time, to conduct court proceedings in an orderly fashion, to remain alert while concentrating on the presentation of evidence and arguments, to evaluate the credibility of witnesses, to comprehend and rule upon factual and legal questions and to discharge the administrative duties attendant to the position. Do you have any mental or physical disability that, with/ without any reasonable accommodation, would prevent you from discharging the duties of this office? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, please explain below, or attach additional pages if necessary.

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2. What can or should be done to make the litigation processes more fair, more efficient, more expeditious, and less expensive?

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3. What are the more important attributes of an effective courtroom manager?

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III.(E) Rule 2.11(A)(1),(2) of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides: "Disqualification. (A) A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including, but not limited to, the following circumstances: (1) The judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or party's lawyer or personal knowledge of facts that are in dispute in the proceeding. (2) The judge knows that the judge, the judge's spouse or domestic partner, a person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse or domestic partner of such a person is: (a) a party to the proceeding or an officer, director, general partner, managing member, or trustee of a party;
(b) acting as a lawyer in the proceeding; (c) a person who has more than a *de minimis* interest that could be substantially affected by the proceeding; or (d) likely to be a material witness in the proceeding."

1. Do you have any family relationships, including family members within the third degree of relationship, which could cause a conflict of interest with your position as a judge? If yes, please explain below.

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2. Do you have any economic interests which could cause a conflict of interest?

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3. Have you, within the preceding five years, filed a Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act or Supreme Court Rule? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, attach a copy of the most recent Statement filed with each agency.

IV. Canon 3 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge shall conduct the judge's personal and extrajudicial activities to minimize the risk of conflict with the obligations of judicial office. Rule 3.1, Comment [1], provides "To the extent that time permits, and judicial independence and impartiality are not compromised, judges are encouraged to engage in appropriate extrajudicial activities. Judges are uniquely qualified to engage in extrajudicial activities that concern the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice, such as by speaking, writing, teaching, or participating in scholarly research projects.***."

1. Complete the following if you have ever taught any law courses.

School(s)	Date(s)	Subject(s)	Position Held	Current Status

2. Complete the following if you have written any articles, texts, treatises, handbooks, or other writing on legal matters which have been published, please complete the following:

Complete Citation	Publisher	Date	Title	Subject Matter	Co-authors

3. Bar Associations and Activities

List all national, state, local, specialty, honorary, and other bar associations or other legal societies to which you now belong or have belonged.

Association	Offices Held (Dates)	Current or Past Member

4. Based upon your experience what are the three most pressing issues in the administration of justice in Illinois?

5. Describe any attempts you have made to improve the administration of justice in Illinois?

V. Rule 2.1, Comment [2], of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "Although it is not a duty of judicial office unless prescribed by law, judges are encouraged to participate in activities that promote public understanding of and confidence in the justice system."

1. Describe any non-legal teaching or lecturing you have done during the past six years?

2. Please list any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service organizations in which you have been involved during the past ten years, including any posts or offices held, and honors or awards received.

VI. Canon 4 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 provides that "A judge or judicial candidate shall not engage in political or campaign activity that is inconsistent with the independence, integrity, or impartiality of the judiciary." Rule 4.1(C)(4) provides that a judicial candidate shall not "(a) make pledges, promises, or commitments that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of judicial office with respect to cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court; or (b) knowingly misrepresent the identity, qualifications, present position, or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent."

1. As a candidate for judge, how would you comply with your ethical duty to promote public confidence in the impartiality of the judiciary?

2. What safeguards would you put in place to fund your judicial campaign?

3. How would you respond to questionnaires from special interest groups?

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. List any special professional, occupational, or other experiences you have had, not otherwise listed in this application, which you believe would assist in the evaluation of your application.

2. State below, or on a separate attachment, any additional information or observation which you believe would assist the court in its evaluation of your application for appointment by the court.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER

I hereby certify that I am registered as an attorney under Supreme Court Rule 756, and my fees are paid. I have also reviewed the requirements of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 68, and I am prepared to comply with its disclosure requirements.

I authorize the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to disclose to the Supreme Court of Illinois, or to any screening committee designated by the Supreme Court of Illinois all information contained in the files of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission concerning my present status, any complaints which have been made against me, and the disposition of those complaints. I expressly waive whatever right I may have to the confidentiality of that information required by Supreme Court Rule 766 and by any other statute, rule or regulation providing for the confidentiality of that information by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

I do hereby authorize a review of, and full disclosure of, all records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the Illinois State Police, whether the said records are of a public, private, or confidential nature. I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release and authorization will be considered in determining my suitability for appointment as a judge. I also certify that any persona(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information; and I do hereby release said person(s) from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further release the Illinois State Police from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of collecting such information. A photocopy of this form will be as valid as an original thereof, even thought said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

By signing and submitting this application I hereby authorize the court to perform background and social media checks of me personally.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date Signed

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Maximino Ortiz
Marshal of the Court

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby AUTHORIZE the Office of the Marshal for the Supreme Court of Illinois to conduct a limited, social media "open source" background check and, if needed, a comprehensive criminal history background check regarding my potential appointment to the office of judge. I understand that such a background check is necessary for the purpose of determining my suitability or eligibility for this position. I further understand that information developed during this background check may be divulged to the Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court as well as appropriate and authorized Court management personnel. **I also understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of facts may be grounds for disqualification**.

Print Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ _____
Street Number & Name City State Zip How Long?

Other names you have used: _____

Since your 18th birthday, have you been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime in any state or jurisdiction, by any court? You may omit any criminal conviction(s) while under the age of 18 and all minor traffic violations. If yes, indicate date, location and explanation:

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Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime under another name? _____
If yes, state the name: _____

I hereby certify that all statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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