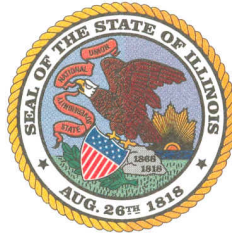


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PRESS RELEASE

POSTING OF ASSOCIATE JUDGESHIP

ROCKFORD, IL – The Illinois Supreme Court has authorized the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court to post a notice of vacancy for the office of Associate Judge. This vacancy is based on the impending retirement of Associate Judge Joseph J. Bruce, effective January 30, 2022. The application period for this vacancy will remain open until December 8, 2021. A copy of the notice of vacancy is attached and is accessible at: <http://17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov> and <http://illinoiscourts.gov>.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

ASSOCIATE JUDGE - SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Supreme Court of Illinois has authorized the Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for the office of Associate Judge. This vacancy is based on the impending retirement of Associate Judge Joseph J. Bruce, effective January 30, 2022. Applications are now being accepted. The vacancy will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges in the 17th Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any United States citizen who is an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois, and a resident of the Seventeenth 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

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE
OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE WAS REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AND ONLY
APPLICATIONS ON THE REVISED FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Whether electronically filed, mailed or hand delivered, all applications must be received by the Administrative Office within thirty (30) days after the date of this notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.** Application forms can be obtained from the Office of Chief Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit, Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 W. State St., Room 215, Rockford, Illinois, from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, or from the Supreme Court's website: <http://illinoiscourts.gov>, and downloaded from the Judicial Vacancies link. **Applications submitted via facsimile will not be accepted.**

The list of applicants will be submitted for polling to the Illinois State Bar Association. Applicants will also be required to make themselves available for an interview and screening process with the Circuit Judges of the 17th Judicial Circuit. Applicants will be notified of the date, time and location of the interviews and details of the screening process at the close of the application phase. Applicants or their designees are to refrain from contacting individually any Circuit or Associate Judge concerning his/her candidacy or the selection process.

Dated this 8th day of November 2021.


Eugene G. Doherty, Chief Judge
17th Judicial Circuit