



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS GRISCHOW AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Rita B. Garman and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Raylene DeWitte Grischow as a resident Circuit Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Grischow is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the election of Judge Peter Cavanagh to the Fourth District Appellate Court as of December 3, 2018.

The appointment takes effect on January 7, 2019, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, when the vacancy will be filled by the winner of the November 2020 general election.

"I am very pleased that the Court agreed that Raylene will be an excellent addition to the bench in the Seventh Circuit and State of Illinois," Justice Garman said. "She was ranked as extremely well qualified by the screening committee. She has a distinguished career as a member of the Sangamon County Bar."

Justice Garman recommended the appointment to the full Court following a review of applicants by a seven-person screening committee consisting of four non-lawyers and three lawyers who reside in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. The non-lawyer members of the committee were Michael Aiello, Jennifer Gill, Douglas E. King, and Catie Sheehan, all of Springfield. The lawyer members of the committee were Jennifer Hammer, Jeffery Wilday, and Peggy Ryan, all of Springfield.

"I am very honored and appreciative of this opportunity that Justice Garman has afforded me," Grischow said. "I look forward to starting the position and working with the amazing judges in the Seventh Circuit."

Ms. Grischow is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, where she has worked since 2001. She serves as the business development leader for the firm's Government Practice Group and as Network Coordinator for the firm's Women Attorneys Network.

Ms. Grischow earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Illinois State University and her *Juris Doctor* from the Washington University School of Law.

Her professional associations include the Illinois State Bar Association, the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association, where she is a two-term past President, and the Sangamon County

Bar Association, where she is a past President. She is the Vice-Chairperson of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility, of which she has been a member since 2012.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Jersey, Macoupin, Greene, Scott, Morgan, and Sangamon.

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