



## Supreme Court of Illinois

January 27, 2020

### **SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RITA GARMAN ANNOUNCES TWO VACANCIES IN SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for two vacancies in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

One vacancy will be created by the retirement of Judge Jeffrey B. Ford on March 25, 2020. Judge Ford was elected as a Resident Circuit Judge in 2006. A second vacancy will be created for the position of Resident Circuit Judge when Judge Heidi Ladd retires on July 1, 2020. Judge Ladd was elected as a Resident Circuit Judge in 2004.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to the final Court approval. Applicants will undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancies have been posted in the courthouses throughout the Circuit. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov) and following the instructions in the latest news scroller announcing the Sixth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

Deadline for submission of an application is **Tuesday, February 18, 2020.**

The persons appointed to fill the vacancies will serve until the first Monday in December following the November **2022** election.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.

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