



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS SABOL AS RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Associate Judge Michael Sabol as a Resident Circuit Judge of Iroquois County in the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit.

Judge Sabol was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James B. Kinzer on August 2, 2020. The appointment is effective August 3rd, and will conclude December 7, 2020, when the position will be filled by the November 2020 General Election. Judge Sabol is running unopposed in the general election.

“The Circuit is losing a real asset and institutional knowledge with the retirement of Judge Kinzer. Judge Sabol has done a good job for the 21st Circuit and Iroquois County in particular,” Justice Kilbride said. “He has earned the opportunity to become circuit judge and continue to serve the people of the 21st Circuit.”

Justice Kilbride recommended Sabol’s appointment to the Supreme Court following a request by Twenty-First Circuit Chief Judge Michael Kramer to fill the vacancy in order to best serve the needs of the court.

“On the behalf of the 21st Circuit, I would like to thank Justice Kilbride and the Illinois Supreme Court for making this timely appointment,” Chief Judge Kramer said. “We will greatly miss Judge Kinzer’s wit and wisdom, but we have great confidence in Judge Sabol.”

Judge Sabol has served Associate Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, Iroquois County, since September 2016, presiding over a wide variety of cases. From 2006 to 2016, he was an Associate at Elliott & McClure, P.C., and then Godin, Denton, & Elliott, P.C., and concurrently served as Iroquois County Assistant Public Defender during this time. From 2002 to 2006, he was an Assistant State's Attorney with the Iroquois County State's Attorney's Office.

“Serving the citizens of the 21st Judicial Circuit as Associate Judge has been an honor,” Judge Sabol said. “Replacing Judge Kinzer will be no easy task, although I look forward to the challenges of presiding as Resident Circuit Judge.”

Judge Sabol earned his Bachelor of Arts from Purdue University and received his *Juris Doctor, Cum Laude*, from the Michigan State University College of Law.

Judge Sabol's professional affiliations include the Illinois Judge's Association, Kankakee County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Iroquois County Bar Association, where he serves as Treasurer.

The 21st Judicial Circuit presides over the counties of Iroquois and Kankakee.

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