



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS MCREYNOLDS AS RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Associate Judge Dana R. McReynolds as a Resident Circuit Judge of Henry County in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Judge McReynolds will be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeffrey W. O'Connor on July 31, 2020. The appointment is effective August 31 and Judge McReynolds will be sworn in by Justice Kilbride on Wed, Aug. 26, at 8:30 a.m. at the Henry County Courthouse in Cambridge. The appointment will conclude on December 5, 2022.

“Judge O'Connor served with distinction for nearly 40 years and will be missed,” Justice Kilbride said. “Judge McReynolds has extensive experience as an associate judge and has earned the opportunity to serve the people of Henry County and the 14th Circuit as resident circuit judge.”

Judge McReynolds has served an Associate Judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit, Henry County, since 1990. Prior to joining the bench, he worked in private practice in Kewanee and served as the Henry County Public Defender from 1977 to 1990.

“I am humbled and honored by Justice Kilbride’s faith in me to fill the vacancy left by my good friend and colleague, Judge Jeffrey O’Connor,” Judge McReynolds said. “I have served Henry County for the past 43 years, 13 as Public Defender and now 30 years as an Associate Judge. I have been fortunate enough to have worked with great courthouse employees, fine lawyers and dedicated judges, and I look forward to continuing my career with the citizens of the 14th Circuit.”

Judge McReynolds earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and received his *Juris Doctor* from the UIC John Marshall Law School.

Judge McReynolds’ professional affiliations include the Henry and Rock Island County Bar Association, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, and the Illinois Judges Association.

The 14th Judicial Circuit presides over the counties of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Whiteside.