



Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE RITA GARMAN ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEE TO FILL EIGHTH CIRCUIT VACANCY

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman announced today the formation of a judicial screening committee for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

The screening committee was formed for the purpose of assessing the qualifications of those persons who have applied for appointment to the Office of Judge of the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit created by the retirement of Judge Scott J. Butler on October 1, 2020. Under the Illinois Constitution, the vacancy will be filled by Supreme Court appointment.

After the committee has received public input, gathered information, and interviewed each of the applicants, it will report its findings to the Illinois Supreme Court, which will make the appointment from among those applicants who have been screened by the committee. The person appointed will serve as a judge of the Circuit Court until the first Monday in December 2022 following the November 2022 General Election.

The screening committee consists of seven persons who reside in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Four of the committee members are non-lawyers and three are lawyers.

The non-lawyer members of the committee are Beau Fretueg, Tim Kettering, Gregg Roegge, and Lynn Stambaugh, all of Rushville.

The lawyer members of the committee include Charles Burton of Rushville, the Hon. Diane Lagoski (Ret'd), and Rick Zimmerman of Mt. Sterling.

Greg Roegge will serve as Chairperson of the Committee.

Applicants who are to be considered for appointment to the judgeship, and will be screened by the committee are Timothy Bass of Springfield, Hon. Drew Erwin of Quincy, Ramon Escapa of Rushville, and Mark Vincent of Mt. Sterling.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments concerning the applicants by writing to P.O. Box 50, Rushville, IL 62681. Comments should be received by the committee before October 28, 2020. All comments will be held in the strictest confidence by the committee and the court.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit encompasses seven counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Mason, Pike, and Schuyler.

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