



## Supreme Court of Illinois

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### **JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT OF PAUL BAUER AS RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Paul E. Bauer as a Resident Circuit Judge in Marshall County in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Bauer was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Michael P. McCuskey on October 20, 2020. The appointment is effective November 19, 2020 and will conclude the first Monday in December 2022 following the November 2022 general election.

“Judge McCuskey has served with distinction and will be missed,” Justice Kilbride said. “Mr. Bauer has both the depth and breadth of experience to make him a great fit for this position. He has served the people as State’s Attorney and has earned the opportunity to serve as resident circuit judge.”

Mr. Bauer has served as the Marshall County State’s Attorney since 2003 after three years as Assistant State’s Attorney. He has won reelection as State’s Attorney in Marshall County on four occasions. Prior to this, Mr. Bauer was the sole practitioner at the Law Office of Paul E. Bauer for seven years.

“I’ve known Paul Bauer for over 20 years and saw him in action as the State’s Attorney of Marshall County,” Judge McCuskey said. “He’s very fair, thorough and always tries to do justice to not only the guilty, but also the victims. He’ll be an outstanding replacement for me and I congratulate him and Justice Kilbride for this excellent appointment.”

Mr. Bauer earned his Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Illinois University and received his *Juris Doctor* from the UIC John Marshall Law School.

“This appointment is a great honor and I look forward to serving the people of Marshall County and the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in a fair and just manner,” Bauer said. “I will do my very best to try and fill the shoes of Judge Mike McCuskey, who has been a mentor and role model for me.”

Mr. Bauer is a member and past President of the Rotary Club in Toluca, Illinois, and is a board member for Character Counts in Henry, Illinois.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit encompasses five counties: Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, and Tazewell.