



News Release

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

ASSOCIATE JUDGE – NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. The vacancy is the result of the resignation of the Honorable Sarah P. Lessman as Associate Judge which is effective September 30, 2016. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the circuit judges of the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any United States Citizen who is an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois and a resident of the 19th Judicial Circuit may apply by electronically filing a signed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on the form prescribed and furnished by the Director. The instructions for submitting an application electronically are available on the Supreme Court's website: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov>.

If unable to submit an application electronically, an applicant must submit two (2) signed originals of the prescribed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at the address listed below:

Michael J. Tardy, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
3101 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, Illinois 62704-6488

Whether electronically filed, mailed or hand delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office within 30 days after the date of this Notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016.** A form for application can be obtained from either the Chief Judge's Office, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, or from the Illinois Supreme Court website: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov> and downloaded from the documents/applications/forms link. **Applications will not be accepted if submitted via facsimile.**

The list of applicants will be submitted for polling to the Lake County Bar Association. Applicants will also be required to make themselves available for an interview and screening process with the Circuit Judges of the 19th Judicial Circuit. Applicants will be notified of the date, time and location of the interview and details of the screening process at the close of the application phase.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2016.

JORGE L. ORTIZ
Chief Judge, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit