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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS STEPHEN MCGLYNN AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Illinois Supreme Court and Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier announced Wednesday the appointment of Stephen P. McGlynn as a resident Circuit Judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Michael N. Cook.

Mr. McGlynn has served as a member of the judiciary both as an Appellate Justice for the Fifth Judicial District and as a resident Circuit Judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit. He also has worked extensively in private practice since 1987.

"I appreciate the Court's quick response to this vacancy," Chief Judge C. John Baricevic of the 20th Judicial Circuit said. "Judge McGlynn's previous experience on the bench in this Circuit makes this an appropriate appointment at this time."

Under the Illinois Constitution, the Supreme Court is given the authority to fill judicial vacancies by interim appointment until the next election. The position will be filled by the decision of the voters in St. Clair County at the November 2014 election.

His appointment is effective July 1, 2013 and will expire December 1, 2014.

"I respectfully and humbly accept the public responsibility that Justice Karmeier and the Illinois Supreme Court Justices have charged me to fulfill," Mr. McGlynn said. "I pledge to the people of this county that I will perform the duties assigned to me with justice and empathy for all who appear before me."

In June 2005, Mr. McGlynn was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as an Appellate Justice for the Fifth District. He was chosen through an application process that included submitting his credentials for review by a screening committee.

While on the Appellate bench, he wrote 109 decisions and orders, and participated in 390 separate criminal and civil matters. Mr. McGlynn lost a bid for election to that seat in November 2006.

After serving on the Appellate Court, Mr. McGlynn returned to the practice of law at McGlynn & McGlynn, a Belleville law firm which handles complex matters in Illinois, Missouri and U.S. courts.

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The firm, founded in 1896, was listed in Martindale-Hubbell's The Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers, a registry of those firms who have demonstrated the "highest level of legal ability" and maintained a "very high adherence to the professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence."

While in private practice, Mr. McGlynn has represented clients in many jury trials in Illinois and Missouri, and participated as lead counsel in appellate matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Illinois and Missouri state appellate courts. He has handled civil and criminal felony cases, transactional matters involving the creation of multi-million dollar businesses, as well as sex and race discrimination cases and wrongful termination cases.

In September 2010, the Supreme Court appointed Mr. McGlynn as a judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit. Mr. McGlynn was recommended to the Court for appointment after submitting his application for consideration to a separate judicial screening committee. He did not run for election to fill that seat.

He was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General of Illinois from 1996 to 2005, and represented the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Department of Transportation in abandoned mine reclamation and eminent domain cases. He also served as corporate counsel to the Kaskaskia Regional Port District, a special unit of government in Illinois with authority over use of the Kaskaskia River.

Mr. McGlynn has been very active in numerous civic matters. He is a life member of the East St. Louis Chapter of the NAACP. He has provided pro bono work for the NAACP and indigents who could not pay for legal representation in various matters. He was the recipient of the NAACP Humanitarian Award in 2004 and the "Equal Justice for All" Award in 2002.

He serves as director of the board of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois; and is chairman of the Review Board of the Catholic Diocese of Belleville, a body appointed by the Bishop to investigate and make recommendations on how to address any allegation of sexual abuse or impropriety with minors involving a member of the clergy.

He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Illinois State and St. Clair County bar associations; the Missouri Bar; the Illinois Judges Association; and the Bar Associations of the Federal District Courts for Central and Southern Illinois.

Mr. McGlynn received his B.A. degree from the University of Dayton (Ohio) majoring in political science and minoring in philosophy and history. He studied abroad in Germany and Ireland. He received his *juris doctor* from the St. Louis University School of Law in 1987, where he was the recipient of the American Judicature Society's American Jurisprudence Award in Advanced Commercial Transactions.

Mr. McGlynn is married and has one daughter.

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