



Supreme Court of Illinois

October 3, 2016

JUSTICE BURKE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL VACANCY IN THIRTEENTH SUBCIRCUIT OF COOK COUNTY

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke announced on **Monday, October 3, 2016** an application process for a vacancy in the Thirteenth Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Circuit Judge Jeffrey Lawrence. Judge Lawrence had served as a judge since 1992. His resignation took effect July 15, 2016.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled on an interim basis by Supreme Court appointment until the 2018 General Election. Justice Burke will make a recommendation to the Supreme Court after applicants for the position undergo a screening and evaluation process.

The process will include a review by a special judicial screening committee that Justice Burke established in 2006. The committee is chaired by retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Benjamin K. Miller.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer in good standing, licensed to practice law in Illinois, and a resident of the Thirteenth Subcircuit.

The deadline for submission of applications is 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 2, 2016**.

Notice of the vacancy and details of the application process are posted on the Illinois Supreme Court's website at www.illinoiscourts.gov. From there, follow the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Thirteenth Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County vacancy.

Completed applications should be submitted by mail to the Honorable Benjamin K. Miller, c/o Jenner & Block, 353 North Clark Street, 42nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 2, 2018 when the position will be filled by the November 2018 General Election.

The Thirteenth Judicial Subcircuit encompasses all or portions of: Barrington, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover, and Schaumburg among others.

To view a precise description and map of the Thirteenth Judicial Subcircuit, applicants should consult the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.il.gov/votinginformation/CookSubcircuits.aspx>.

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