



Supreme Court of Illinois

February 4, 2019

JUSTICE ANNE BURKE ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN FIRST SUBCIRCUIT OF COOK COUNTY

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke has begun an application process for a judicial vacancy in the First Subcircuit of Cook County.

The vacancy was created by the death of Rhonda Crawford on April 26, 2018.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled on an interim basis by Supreme Court appointment. 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 Kevin M. Forde, Esq.

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 First Subcircuit.

The deadline for submission of applications is 4 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**.

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 First Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County vacancy.

Completed applications should be submitted by mail to Kevin M. Forde, Esq., Forde Law Offices, 111 West Washington Street, Suite #1100, Chicago, Illinois 60602

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 6, 2020 when the position will be filled by the November 2020 General Election.

The First Judicial Subcircuit encompasses all or portions of the following: the City of Chicago, Dolton, Calumet City and South Holland, among others. To view a precise description and map of the First Judicial Subcircuit, applicants should consult the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov/votinginformation/cooksubcircuits.aspx

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