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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT VACANCY**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Friday a Circuit Court vacancy in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in western Illinois.

The vacancy was created by the retirement of Judge Dennis K. Cashman. He had been a judge at large in Quincy since 1984.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the vacancy will be filled by Supreme Court appointment, and Justice Rita B. Garman announced the beginning of an application process which will lead to final Court approval.

Notices of the vacancy have been posted in courthouses throughout the Circuit. Applications may be obtained in writing to:

Mrs. Mary Hurley  
Office of Justice Rita B. Garman  
Supreme Court of Illinois  
3607 North Vermilion, Suite 1  
Danville, Illinois 61832

All completed applications must be returned and received in Justice Garman's office no later than Monday, August 23, 2004.

The applications will undergo an evaluation and screening process. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled by election in November, 2006.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit encompasses eight counties in western Illinois including Adams, Brown, Cass, Calhoun, Mason, Menard, Pike and Schuyler counties.