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## **JUSTICE GARMAN ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman announced today the formation of a Judicial Screening Committee for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

The screening committee was formed for the purpose of assessing the qualifications of those persons who have applied for appointment to the office of Judge of the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit created by the retirement of Judge Dennis Cashman.

After the committee has received public input, gathered information, and interviewed each of the applicants, Justice Garman will make a recommendation to the Illinois Supreme Court, which will make the appointment. The person appointed will serve as judge of the Circuit Court until the general election to be held in November 2006.

The screening committee consists of seven persons who reside in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Four of the committee members are non-lawyers and three are lawyers.

The non-lawyer members of the committee include Jane Davis, a retired elementary school teacher from Petersburg; Lee Lindsay Curtis, Quincy businesswoman; Michael Klingner, CEO of Klingner & Associates, Quincy; and James Knodel, CFO of Kirlin's, Inc., Quincy.

The lawyer members of the committee include Hon. Robert Welch, retired chief judge, Virginia; Hon. Loren Schnack, retired judge, Quincy; and Delmer Mitchell, a partner in the law firm of Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell in Quincy.

James Knodel will serve as chairperson of the committee.

Applicants who are to be considered for appointment to the judgeship, and will be screened by the committee are: Barney Bier, Adams County State's Attorney; Jerry Hooker, Brown County State's Attorney; Anita Rodriguez, J. Devin Cashman, Robert Adrain, John Inghram IV, and William Mays, Quincy attorneys; and Walker Filbert, Pittsfield attorney.

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Members of the public are invited to submit comments concerning the applicants by writing to: Michael Klingner, Eighth Judicial Circuit Screening Committee, Klingner & Associates, 616 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301. Comments should be received by the committee before Monday, September 13 2004.

All comments as well as applications and minutes of committee meetings will be held in confidence between the committee members and the Supreme Court.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit includes Adams, Brown, Cass, Calhoun, Mason, Menard, Pike and Schuyler Counties.