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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING VACANCY IN
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman has begun an application process for an upcoming Circuit Court vacancy in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

The vacancy will be created with the August 1, 2006 retirement of Judge H. Dean Andrews. He has been a resident circuit judge in Paris, Illinois since 1998.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to final Court approval.

Notice of the impending vacancy has 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 Friday, June 23, 2006. 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, 2008.

The Fifth Judicial Circuit encompasses five counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar and Vermilion.

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**(FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Joseph Tybor, press secretary to the Illinois
Supreme Court, at 312/793-2323)**