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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for a Circuit Court vacancy in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The vacancy was created by the announced retirement of Judge Robert J. Eggers, who has been a resident Circuit judge in Springfield since 1996. His retirement is effective July 29, 2008.

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

Notices of the 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 Tuesday, June 10, 2008. 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, 2010.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Jersey, Macoupin, Greene, Scott, Morgan, and Sangamon counties.

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