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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 appointment of Justice Thomas R. Appleton to the Fourth District Appellate Court on June 4, 2010. Justice Appleton has been an at-large Circuit Judge in Springfield since 1992.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to final Court approval. The applicants will undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notices of the vacancy has been posted in courthouses throughout the Circuit. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at www.state.il.us/court and follow the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Seventh Judicial Circuit vacancy. Applications must be submitted via mail to:

Supreme Court of Illinois
3607 North Vermilion, Suite 1
Danville, Illinois 61832

No electronic or facsimile applications will be accepted.

Deadline for submission of applications is **Friday, July 16, 2010**. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled by election in November, 2012.

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

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

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