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

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

The at-large vacancy is created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Theodore E. Paine effective November 3, 2010.

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 have 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 Sixth Judicial Circuit vacancy. Applications must be submitted via mail to:

Supreme Court of Illinois
attn.: Mrs. Mary Hurley
3607 North Vermilion, Suite 1
Danville, Illinois 61832

No electronic or facsimile applications will be accepted.

Deadline for submission of applications is **Monday, November 22, 2010**. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled by the November 2012 General Election.

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

The Sixth Judicial Circuit is comprised of six counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.

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