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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN THE 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 vacancy will be created by the retirement of Judge John P. Shonkwiler on July 31, 2012. Judge Shonkwiler has been a resident circuit judge since 1974.

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.

Notice 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 Sixth Judicial Circuit vacancy. Original 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 **Tuesday, June 12, 2012**. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled by election in November, 2014. 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 Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.

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