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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCY IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier announced Friday that an application process has begun for a Circuit Court vacancy in Fayette County, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

The resident Circuit vacancy is being created by the announced appointment of Circuit Judge S. Gene Schwarm to the Illinois Appellate Court in the Fifth Judicial District, effective April 1, 2014.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the Supreme Court holds the authority to fill interim judicial vacancies. Justice Karmeier will use a special committee to evaluate and interview applicants before making a recommendation to the Court to fill the vacancy.

The completed Applicant Information Form must be submitted to: Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, Supreme Court of Illinois, P.O. Box 266, Nashville, IL 62263 or electronically to his judicial secretary, Carol Heggemeier, at cheggemeier@illinoiscourts.gov no later than **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**.

This Form may be obtained from Justice Karmeier; or the office of the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Vandalia; or from the Fayette County Circuit Clerk Kathy Emerick; or from the president of the Fayette County Bar Association, Jeff DeLong, at 629 West St. Clair, Vandalia.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled through the November 2016 General Election. The appointment will terminate December 5, 2016. To be eligible for appointment, a person must be a U.S. citizen, a licensed Illinois lawyer in good standing, and a resident of Fayette County at the time of the appointment.

Fayette County is one of nine counties in the Fourth Judicial Circuit which includes Clay, Christian, Clinton, Effingham, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery and Shelby counties.

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