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**JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES TEN APPLICANTS FOR TWO JUDICIAL SUBCIRCUIT VACANCIES IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride announced Tuesday that a total of 10 candidates have applied for two new resident subcircuit judges in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the Supreme Court holds the authority to fill judicial vacancies; and Justice Kilbride uses an extensive application, evaluation and interview process to make recommendations to the Court for vacancies in the Third Judicial District. Justice Kilbride also invites brief public comments on the applicants.

The judicial Subcircuits No. 3 and No. 4 in Will County were established by the legislature, and additional courtrooms to house the new judges will be available in the Emco Building in Joliet.

Attorneys whose applications were received before the 11:30 a.m. deadline on Monday, October 30 were: Tina M. Brault, Gordon A. Cochrane, Paula A. Gomora, Carmen J.L. Goodman, Theodore J. Jarz, Sarah-Marie F. Jones, John R. Keigher, Raymond A. Nash, Michael R. Naughton and Jennifer M. Stevens.

Applicants are submitting supplemental information to declare their residency. At the time of appointment, the successful applicant must be a resident of the subcircuit.

Justice Kilbride will appoint a judicial screening committee made up of representatives from the community, including non-lawyers as well as members of the legal profession. The names of that committee will be released at a later date.

In addition to requiring an extensive written application, the appointment process used by Justice Kilbride consists of a written survey of registered attorneys in Will County, which is conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association; and background checks with the Illinois State Police, other authorities and with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

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**Ten Applicants  
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Those wishing to send written comments about the candidates during the selection process may address them to: Judge Appointment Comments 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, 3101 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62704. Comments must arrive by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29. Comments must include contact information such as name and address, and should be brief, preferably no more than 250 words.

The persons appointed to fill the vacancies will serve until the first Monday in December 2008, when the position will be filled by the election in November 2008.

The Third Judicial District is composed of 21 counties across the north central part of the state, stretching from Will, Kankakee and Iroquois counties in the east to Whiteside, Rock Island, Peoria, Mercer, Henderson and Hancock counties in the west.

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