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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING VACANCY IN  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier announced Tuesday that an application process has begun for an upcoming Circuit Court vacancy in the Second Judicial Circuit.

The at-large Circuit vacancy will be created as a result of Circuit Judge James M. Wexstten's appointment as a Fifth Judicial District Appellate Court Judge, effective February 2.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the Supreme Court holds the authority to fill interim judicial vacancies and Justice Karmeier uses an application, evaluation and interview process to make recommendations to the Court for vacancies in the Fifth Judicial District.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted in courthouses throughout the Second Judicial Circuit. Applicants must submit eight (8) copies of the required information within their resume with a cover letter to: Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, Supreme Court of Illinois, P.O. Box 266, Nashville, IL 62263.

The required information includes: name, address, telephone numbers and date of birth; educational background; the year and jurisdictions of admission to practice; employment history in reverse chronological order; public offices held; bar advisory polls, if applicable; disciplinary history; and personal litigation, arrearages or bankruptcies; references; civic and charitable activities; other information to support the application.

The list of required information may be obtained from the Second Judicial Circuit chief judge's office, the presiding judge or circuit clerks of the counties within the Second Circuit or from Justice Karmeier.

Applicants' information must be received in Justice Karmeier's office no later than **Thursday, February 15, 2007**. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled through the November, 2008 general election. The appointment will terminate December 1, 2008.

The Second Judicial Circuit is comprised of 12 counties in southeastern Illinois: Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, White, Hamilton, Franklin, Jefferson, Gallatin and Hardin.

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