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CHIEF JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES NAMES OF APPLICANTS TO FILL VACANCY IN TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride announced on Tuesday that five candidates have applied to fill a judicial vacancy in the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies for the Circuit Court are filled by Supreme Court appointment until the next general election. Chief Justice Kilbride uses an extensive application, evaluation and interview process to make a recommendation to the Court for judicial vacancies in the Third Judicial District.

The process will now proceed to background checks by law enforcement authorities and with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Chief Justice Kilbride will also use a poll of all attorneys residing in the 10th Circuit that will be conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association over the next 30 days. The attorneys will be surveyed on their opinions of the applicants' integrity, temperament, legal ability, management skills and other professional qualifications.

Chief 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 to evaluate all of the information. The committee member's names will be announced at a later date.

Attorneys whose applications were received by the November 26 deadline were: David M. House, Thomas A. Keith, former Circuit Judge Timothy M. Lucas, Robert H. Rennick, Jr., and Scott E. Umland.

Those wishing to send written comments about the candidates during the selection process may address them to: Judge Appointment Comments, 10th Judicial Circuit, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 3101 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62704. Comments must arrive by **Thursday, January 3, 2013**. Comments must include contact information such as name and address, and should be brief, preferably no more than 250 words.

Notice of the vacancy and the appointment process was posted at various courthouses within the Tenth Circuit, comprised of Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell counties. The Stark resident circuit court vacancy was created by the December 3, 2012 retirement of Judge Stuart P. Borden. The vacancy is temporarily being filled by Circuit Judge Joe R. Vespa who left retirement to fill the position.

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Among qualities an applicant must possess are a demonstrated reputation for integrity and good character; a demonstrated commitment to equal justice under the law; outstanding legal ability and competence; and the appropriate demeanor, character and personality necessary for the judicial temperament required by a Circuit Court judge.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 1, 2014, when the position will be filled by the 2014 General Election.

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