



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL VACANCY IN FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride has announced an application process for appointment to a resident circuit court vacancy in Henry County in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. The vacancy will be created upon Circuit Judge Ted Hamer's retirement, effective January 1, 2014.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. Justice Kilbride will make a recommendation to the Court after applicants undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted at the courthouses within the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, comprised of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside counties. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov) and following the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

Applicants must submit one original and the requisite number of copies of the application and other documents as instructed in the application packet. To be considered, all documents must be received in Justice Kilbride's office no later than **11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014**.

An applicant must be admitted to practice law in Illinois, and must be in good standing with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Other qualities an applicant must possess include: a demonstrated reputation for integrity and good character; a demonstrated commitment to equal justice under law; outstanding legal ability and competence; and the appropriate demeanor, character and temperament.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 1, 2014 or otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court.

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