



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ASSOCIATE JUDGE JOHN C. COSTIGAN AS CIRCUIT JUDGE**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman announced Thursday the Illinois Supreme Court's appointment of Associate Judge John Casey Costigan as a Circuit Judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

Judge Costigan was appointed Wednesday by the Supreme Court to fill the at-large Circuit Court vacancy created by the announced retirement of Judge Elizabeth A. Robb on December 31, 2014. The appointment is effective January 2, 2015 and will expire December 5, 2016 when the position will be filled by the 2016 General Election.

Chief Justice Garman recommended the appointment to the Supreme Court after a review process by a judicial screening committee. The judicial screening committee found Judge Costigan to be extremely well qualified.

"I am honored and humbled by this appointment," Judge Costigan said. "I appreciate the confidence that Chief Justice Garman and the Supreme Court has placed in me. There was a quality group of individuals who applied for this position and I feel very fortunate to be selected.

"It is very much a privilege for me to be selected to the seat held by Judge Robb. She has done so much for the citizens of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and for our community. To be selected to fill her position is truly an honor.

"I look forward to working for the citizens of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as a Circuit Judge."

Judge Costigan graduated with a B.A. degree in Political Science from Indiana University in 1988. He received his *juris doctor* degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan in 1991. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Costigan worked as partner with the law firm of Costigan & Wollrab in Bloomington. He had focused his practice on civil litigation, trials, appeals, condemnations, and wills and trusts. He was a certified arbitrator and taught classes for the certification of arbitrators for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

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## **Supreme Court Appoints Associate Judge Costigan as Circuit Judge Add One**

In 2006, Judge Costigan was selected by the Circuit Judges in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to serve as an associate judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kevin Fitzgerald. He was reappointed effective July 1, 2007 and again in June 2011.

Judge Costigan is active in several civic, community, and charitable organizations, including serving as president of the Bloomington/Normal YMCA board of directors; as a council member of the OSF Healthcare Foundation; and as a board member of the McLean Historic Society.

A resident of Bloomington, Judge Costigan is married with six children.

Chief Justice Garman's special screening committee, which reviewed the candidates, consisted of four non-lawyers and three lawyers.

The non-lawyer members were: Bloomington resident Dr. Paul Pedersen, M.D., who served as chairperson of the committee; Lincoln resident John Blackburn, and Bloomington residents Julie Dobski and Mary Ann Webb.

The lawyer members of the committee were: the Hon. John Freese (retired) of Normal; Guy Fraker of Bloomington, and James Stoller of El Paso.

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit includes Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean, and Woodford counties.

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