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NOTICE OF VACANCY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit to post a Notice of Vacancy for Associate Judge. The vacancy is the result of the resignation of Associate Judge Chad M. Long, effective December 7, 2026. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the Circuit Judges of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, any attorney, who is a United States citizen, is licensed to practice law in Illinois, and is a resident of the Ninth Judicial Circuit may apply by electronically filing a signed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on the form prescribed and furnished by the Director. The instructions for submitting an application electronically are available on the Supreme Court's website: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov

If unable to submit an application electronically, an applicant must submit two (2) signed originals of the prescribed application with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at the address listed below:

Marcia M. Meis, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
3101 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, IL 62704-6488

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE APPLICATION FORM WAS REVISED ON OCTOBER 28, 2026, AND ONLY APPLICATIONS ON THE REVISED FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Whether electronically filed, mailed or hand delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2026. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2026.** A form for the application may be obtained from either the Chief Judge's Office, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts or from the Illinois Supreme Court website: www.illinoiscourts.gov and downloaded from the Judicial Vacancies link. **Applications will not be accepted if submitted via facsimile.**

Dated this 20th day of November, 2026.

Heidi A Benson

Heidi A. Benson, Chief Judge
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