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Kane County Associate Judge Search is Underway

Kane County, Illinois – The 16th Judicial Circuit is seeking to fill an associate judge vacancy as a result of the appointment of Associate Judge Julia A. Yetter to the Circuit Court, effective February 2, 2026. To be eligible for the associate judge appointment, applicants must be United States citizens, licensed to practice law in Illinois, and residents of the 16th Judicial Circuit.

The Administration Office of the Illinois Courts has certified thirty local attorneys (names listed below) as having submitted their applications by the February 20th deadline making them eligible to advance in the associate judge selection process.

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The Kane County Bar Association (KCBA) Judicial Evaluation Committee, Office of the Chief Judge, and the Judicial Interview Committee invite KCBA members, other bar associations, public interest groups, and the public at large to provide input on the qualifications of applicants.

Written comments via email or mail should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026 to ensure consideration. Comments are to be sent to Gina Armstrong, KCBA Executive Director, 555 S. Randall Road, Suite 203, St. Charles, IL 60174 (director@kanecountybar.org)

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