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Robert K. Villa
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NOTICE OF VACANCY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE - 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit to post a notice of vacancy for associate judge. The associate judge position is the result of the appointment of Associate Judge Julia Yetter to Circuit Judge, effective February 2, 2026. Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy which will be filled by vote of the circuit judges of the Sixteenth 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 16th 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://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, Executive Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
3101 Old Jacksonville Road Springfield, Illinois 62704-6488

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 **Friday, February 20, 2026**. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 20, 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's website: <https://illinoiscourts.gov> and downloaded from the Judicial Vacancies link. Applications submitted via facsimile will not be accepted.

Dated this 21st day of January 2026.

Robert K. Villa, Chief Judge
16th Judicial Circuit

NOTICE TO ASSOCIATE JUDGE CANDIDATES

You are required to provide an electronic copy of the judicial application to the Chief Judge's Office at ChiefJudgeOffice@16thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. In the message, please provide your contact information including home phone, cell phone, and preferred email address. Applicants may be interviewed by a committee of circuit judges on a date and time determined after the close of the application process.

The Kane County Bar Association may be conducting separate interviews and may be contacting the candidates to arrange an interview time.