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Honorable Timothy C. Evans
Chief Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
2600 Richard J. Daley Center
Chicago, Illinois 60602

(Via Email)

Dear Chief Judge Evans:

Your request for approval to post a notice of vacancy on January 4, 2021 for ten (10) current vacancies, as well as any additional vacancies that may occur during the nomination process in the office of associate judge, is approved. Further, the revised Notice of Vacancy that you submitted is in compliance with the provisions of Supreme Court Rule 39 and is, therefore, also approved. After the close of the application period, I will certify the list of applicants who have timely filed and will forward each application to you.

Should you have any questions concerning the associate judge appointment process, I hope that you will not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marcia M. Meis
Director

c: Honorable Anne M. Burke, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Honorable Mary Jane Theis, Justice, Supreme Court
Honorable P. Scott Neville, Jr., Justice, Supreme Court
Jan B. Zekich, Deputy Director, Administrative Office

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Associate Judges, Circuit Court of Cook County

Authorization pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 has been received by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County to post a notice of vacancy for ten (10) associate judges. The associate judge positions are due to the resignations of Associate Judges Earl B. Hoffenberg, Carol A. Kipperman, Marcia B. Orr, and Franklin U. Valderrama, the retirements of Associate Judges James N. Karahalios and Richard A. Stevens, and the election to the office of circuit judge of Associate Judges Michael A. Forti, Mary C. Marubio, Celestia L. Mays and Levander Smith, Jr. Applications are now being accepted for these vacancies, as well as additional vacancies which may occur during the nomination process, which will be filled by vote of the circuit judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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

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

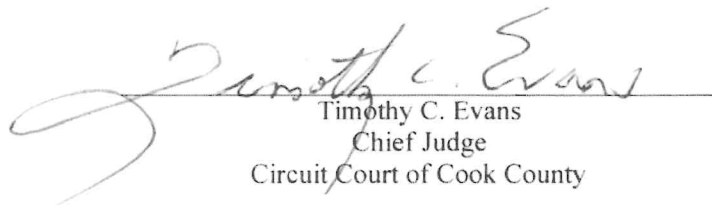
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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE WAS REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, AND ONLY APPLICATIONS ON THE REVISED FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Whether electronically filed, mailed, or hand delivered, all applications must be received in the Administrative Office within 30 days after the date of this notice. **If filed electronically, the deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. If mailed or hand delivered, the deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.** A form for application may be obtained from the AOIC or be downloaded at the Documents/Application/Forms link on the Supreme Court's website. **Applications submitted via facsimile will not be accepted.**

Applicants for this position may also be required to make themselves available for an interview with the Circuit Judges of Cook County. If an interview is necessary, the applicants will be notified of the date, time, and place of their interview at the close of the application period. Applicants should be aware that their names will be released to the media to allow public comment on their candidacy and that a bar evaluation may also be requested.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2021.


Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County