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PRESS RELEASE

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION ANNOUNCED

ROCKFORD, IL – The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts announced the following certified list of candidates who have applied for the associate judge vacancy in the 17th Circuit based on the impending retirement of Associate Judge John H. Young:

Erin B. Buhl	Richard M. Butera	Jessica A. Cushard
David M. Gill	Erin C. Hannigan	Erik K. Jacobs
Joseph B. Kosek	Maureen M. Lawson	Matthew R. Leisten
Lise M. Lombardo	Andrew J. Mertzenich	Nathan J. Noble
Amy K. Peterman	Todd A. Ramlow	Tina L. Rippy
Derrick J. Schmidt	Andrew T. Smith	Kelly A. Vecchio
Paul R. Vella	Tamika R. Walker	Timothy K. Whitham
Jeffrey J. Zucchi		

The Circuit Judges of the 17th Circuit are inviting written comment regarding these candidates from all interested individuals and organizations. Comments must be in writing and received by the Chief Judge no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2021. Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters will be placed in each of the candidate's files. There shall be no other direct or indirect contact with any Circuit or Associate Judge regarding an individual's candidacy.

Anyone wishing to comment should direct their correspondence by U.S. mail to Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty, Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 West State Street, Suite 215, Rockford, IL 61101 or by email to KFink@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov.

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