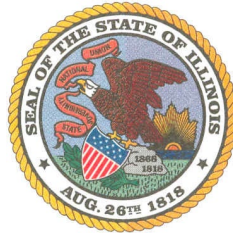


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**PRESS RELEASE**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit based on the impending retirement of Associate Judge Randy Wilt:

Tomiko L. Ballard	Aaron C. Buscemi	Andrew J. Fisk
Alesandra R. Friend Laird	David M. Gill	Elder Granger, II
Erin C. Hannigan	Joseph B. Kosek	Matthew R. Leisten
Scott P. Robinson	Heidi E. Ruckman-Agustsson	Derrick J. Schmidt
Andrew T. Smith	Paul R. Vella	Daniel T. Wilkins
Jeffrey J. Zucchi		

The Circuit Judges of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 February 2, 2024. 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 John S. Lowry, Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 West State Street, Suite 215, Rockford, IL 61101 or by email to [KFink@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:KFink@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov).**

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