



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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***CORRECTION: PLEASE NOTE THIS RELEASE CORRECTS THE TERMINATION DATE TO DECEMBER 5, 2016.***

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## **SUPREME COURT APPOINTS QUINCY ATTORNEY AS RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE**

Chief Justice Rita B. Garman and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Quincy attorney Scott Douglas Larson as a resident Circuit Judge in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Larson was appointed Tuesday to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Scott H. Walden. His appointment takes effect July 24, 2015 and will terminate December 5, 2016, when the position will be filled by the 2016 General Election.

Chief Justice Garman recommended the appointment to the Supreme Court after a review process by a judicial screening committee.

"I am extremely grateful to Justice Garman and the Illinois Supreme Court for my appointment. I am very much looking forward to serving the citizens of Adams County and the Eighth Judicial Circuit as their next circuit judge," Mr. Larson said.

"I truly believe that while taking the bench is the highest honor in the legal profession, it also commands the greatest responsibility."

Mr. Larson, 42, will join the judiciary from Blickhan, Timmerwilke, Woodworth & Larson in Quincy, where he has worked since 1999. He made partner in 2005 and has engaged in general trial practice, handling both civil and criminal matters.

Raised in Quincy, Mr. Larson graduated with a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995. He received his *juris doctor* degree in 1998 from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Mr. Larson is married and has two children. He has volunteered as a youth soccer and baseball coach and has served as a trustee for the Quincy Public Library. He has been secretary for the Adams County Bar Association for the past 15 years.

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## **SC Appoints Quincy Attorney as Resident Circuit Judge Add One**

Chief Justice Garman's judicial screening committee, which reviewed the candidates seeking the appointment, consisted of four non-lawyers and three lawyers, all of whom reside in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

The non-lawyer members were Quincy residents Clairice Hetzler, Amy Looten, Ray Scheiter and Dr. Harry Ruth. Dr. Ruth served as chairperson of the committee.

The lawyer members of the committee were attorneys Thomas Leeper and James Rapp of Quincy and retired Circuit Judge Alesia McMillen of Rushville.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit includes Adams, Brown, Cass, Calhoun, Mason, Menard, Pike and Schuyler Counties .

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