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[Illinois Supreme Court Names Justice Thomas L. Kilbride as New Chief Justice](#)

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The members of the Illinois Supreme Court have selected [Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride](#) as [the new Chief Justice](#). Justice Kilbride will begin his term on October 26, 2010, following the retirement of Chief Justice Thomas Fitzgerald.

Justice Kilbride received his law degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. in 1981. He practiced law for twenty years in Rock Island, handling matters in a variety of areas, including environmental law, labor law, employment, and appellate law. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 2000, and is a candidate for another ten year term on the Court in the November 2010 election.