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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT FILLS VACANCY IN 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Supreme Court of Illinois announced Wednesday that it has appointed Robert B. Spence, a deputy in the Illinois attorney general's office, as a Circuit Court judge in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to replace Judge Thomas E. Hogan who is retiring.

The Sixteenth Circuit encompasses Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties.

Mr. Spence, who will leave the post as deputy attorney general for Criminal Justice, has extensive experience in criminal law, dating to 1980 when he began as an assistant at the Kane County state's attorney office. In 1986, he joined the DuPage County state's attorney where he prosecuted some 85 felony trials, including more than 50 jury trials.

In 1996, Mr. Spence joined the Illinois Attorney General's office as division chief of the Criminal Justice Division and rose to the position of deputy attorney general for Criminal Justice. In that post, Mr. Spence supervised all criminal prosecutions brought by the attorney general. He had general supervision over 56 assistant attorneys' general, 28 investigators and 35 workers in the Crime Victims Compensation Division.

Mr. Spence also was a member of the Governor's Commission to Re-Write the Criminal Code.

Mr. Spence is a 1977 graduate from Taylor University in Upland, Ind., and received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1980.

His appointment is effective August 1, 2001 and terminates Dec. 2, 2002.