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**SUPREME COURT APPOINTS WILLIAM R. JACKSON JR. TO COOK  
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Wednesday the appointment of William R. Jackson Jr., an attorney with nearly 35 years of broad-based experience in corporate, business and employment law, to fill a vacancy on the Cook County Circuit Court.

Mr. Jackson, who received his *Juris Doctor* in 1974 from Northwestern University School of Law, will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Ronald C. Riley. The appointment is effective March 2, 2009 and terminates December 6, 2010.

While a partner at Bradley & Jackson in Evanston, a firm he founded in 1988, Mr. Jackson's areas of practice included advising businesses, employment law, contracts, finance, municipal bonds, estate planning, real estate and civil litigation.

He has served as an administrative law judge for the City of Evanston since 2001; and has been an arbitrator with The Financial Institute Regulatory Authority since 1992, mediating cases between the investing public against brokerage firms and their employees.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Jackson has worked as a senior consultant for Price Waterhouse Coopers in Chicago; and as senior attorney with Container Corporation of America and Borg-Warner Corporation.

Following law school, he was an associate at Winston & Strawn from 1974 to 1978.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He has given presentations on topics including estate planning, employment law and employment benefits.

He has been active in the Evanston community, including serving as past president of the Rotary Club of Evanston; on the advisory board to Meals at Home; trustee to the Second Baptist Church of Evanston; and the YMCA Board Human Relations Committee. He also was a co-founder of Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc., a program designed initially to aid minority applicants studying for the bar examination and was expanded to include all applicants.