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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge
Appointed in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit**

Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select René Cruz as an associate judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Cruz received her undergraduate degree in 1992 from The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina, and her Juris Doctor in 1995 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Ms. Cruz is currently engaged in practice with the Law Offices of Gil & Cruz in Aurora, Illinois.