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SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ASSOCIATE JUDGE LIAM C. BRENNAN AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN 18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Illinois Supreme Court has announced the appointment of Associate Judge Liam C. Brennan as a Circuit Court Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge Brennan was appointed to fill the Circuit Court vacancy created by the announced retirement of Judge John T. Elsner. The appointment is effective December 2, 2014 and will expire December 5, 2016.

Justice Robert R. Thomas recommended Judge Brennan and he was appointed unanimously by the Supreme Court.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of DuPage County as an Associate Judge for the past six years," Judge Brennan said. "I am humbled and thankful that Justice Thomas recommended me and that the Supreme Court unanimously appointed me to continue this service as a Circuit Court judge."

As of January 2015, Judge Brennan will preside over a Felony call. Since joining the bench as an Associate Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit in 2008, he has heard numerous civil and criminal cases in misdemeanor, orders of protection, and traffic court.

The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Judge Brennan to serve on the Committee on Education for the Judicial Conference as of 2010, and the Supreme Court's Committee on Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases as of 2007.

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Brennan spent 10 years as a prosecutor for the Office of the DuPage County State's Attorney, where promotions over time culminated as Supervisor of the Child Abuse/Domestic Violence Unit. As supervisor, Judge Brennan led a team of attorneys and guided investigators responsible for prosecuting the severe physical and sexual abuse of children, adult sexual assaults, and felony domestic violence. Judge Brennan tried hundreds of cases to verdict, including the prosecution of defendants charged with murder.

Prior to joining the State's Attorney's office, Judge Brennan served as senior law clerk to Ret. Illinois Supreme Court Justice James D. Heiple and also worked as an associate with the Chicago law firm of Parrillo Weiss & O'Halloran.

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For one year between college and law school, Judge Brennan taught disadvantaged students as a volunteer teacher at Cardinal Spellman High School in Bronx, New York.

Judge Brennan graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1989 with a degree in Government and International Relations. He received his *juris doctor* degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1993. While in law school, he worked as a judicial extern with then Northern District Court Judge Ilana Diamond Rovner and served as President of the Student Bar Association.

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