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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT FILLS VACANCY IN 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Supreme Court of Illinois announced September 5 that it has appointed Richard E. DeMoss, an associate judge in the 15th Judicial Circuit, as a resident Circuit Court judge of Carroll County. He will replace Justice John W. Rapp, Jr. who is retiring November 30.

The Fifteenth Circuit encompasses JoDaviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle and Lee counties.

Judge DeMoss received his J.D. degree in 1968 from Washburn School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. After graduation, he moved to Illinois and was hired as a bill drafter at the Legislative Reference Bureau.

In 1970, Judge DeMoss moved to Pontiac, and was employed by the law firm of Satter & Ewing. In 1976, he became an assistant state's attorney in Lee County until his appointment as an associate judge in 1979.

Judge DeMoss has been a member of the board of directors for the Girl Scouts Green Hills Council for the past 16 years, and now serves as third vice president. He is also a founding member and serves on the board of directors for the West Forty Teen Center in Mt. Carroll.

A resident of Mt. Carroll, Judge DeMoss is married and has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

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