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TOBIAS G. BARRY NAMED COMMISSIONER OF THE ARDC

The Illinois Supreme Court on Thursday appointed Tobias G. Barry, a former Illinois Appellate Court judge, as one of the commissioners of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). Mr. Barry joins the attorney's policy-making board as its seventh commissioner.

Mr. Barry, of LaSalle, served seven terms in the House of Representatives from 1960 to 1974. After leaving the Legislature in 1974, he became a Third Judicial District Appellate Judge, where he devoted his time and efforts for 20 years. During this time, he served as president of both the Illinois Judges Association and the Lawyers Assistance Program.

Mr. Barry is still an active attorney with the LaSalle firm of Aplington, Kaufman, McClintock, Steele and Barry Ltd. He earned his undergraduate degree from Marquette University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame in 1952. Barry also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In November 2001, Mr. Barry was appointed to the Illinois Gaming Board by Governor George Ryan.

At the time of the appointment, Governor Ryan lauded Mr. Barry as a man of "great integrity," who has served the people of Illinois well for over 40 years.

Mr. Barry also serves as co-chairman of a special judicial screening committee to help Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride review candidates seeking judicial positions.

The ARDC is a Supreme Court agency that investigates allegations of wrongdoing by lawyers in Illinois.

Mr. Barry's appointment is effective immediately and expires December 31, 2003.

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The ARDC consists of four members who are lawyers and three who are non-lawyers. They receive no compensation for their services. The commissioners establish ARDC policies, appoint members of the ARDC Inquiry and Hearing Boards and, subject to the approval of the Illinois Supreme Court, appoint the commission's chief executive officer, the administrator.

The current ARDC administrator is Mary Robinson. More than 100 full time employees and more than 100 lawyer and non-lawyer volunteers work for the ARDC. All funds expended by the agency are from annual fees paid by Illinois attorneys.