

October 6, 2003

MEDIA ADVISORY – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**NEWS CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL FORUM TO IMPROVE CIVILITY
AMONG LAWYERS**

WHO: Gordon Nash, vice chairperson of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism; Cheryl Niro, past president of the Illinois State Bar Association; John Rekowski, Madison County public defender and member of the Committee on Professionalism; Circuit Court Judge Daniel Stack, president of the Madison County Bar Association; and Eugene C. Menges, president of the St. Clair County Bar Association.

WHAT: News conference on efforts to recommend ways to improve civility among lawyers and the public image of lawyers. With the assistance of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Special Supreme Court Committee is holding a series of forums around the state where lawyers and judges will discuss ways to control excesses that sometimes occur during the course of litigation. One of the issues is where and how to draw the line between zealous advocacy on behalf of clients and Rambo-like tactics designed to aggravate or block the opposition. The statewide series of forums was launched Sept. 10 in Peoria.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2003- 2 p.m., just prior to the start of the forum.

WHERE: Holiday Inn, 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois

–30–

(FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Joseph Tybor, press secretary to the Illinois Supreme Court at 312-793-2323; or David Anderson, ISBA assistant executive director at 217-416-1425)