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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ATTORNEY GARRY W. BRYAN AS CIRCUIT JUDGE

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Friday that Garry W. Bryan, an attorney for 28 years, has been appointed a resident circuit judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Bryan was appointed to fill the Circuit Court seat which became vacant upon the July 31 retirement of Judge Stephen H. Peters. His appointment is effective October 1, 2008 and will expire December 6, 2010.

Justice Rita B. Garman recommended the appointment of Mr. Bryan after a review process by a special citizen screening committee.

Mr. Bryan graduated magna cum laude from Lewis University in 1977 with a B.A. degree in English. He received his *juris doctor* degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1980. Before his appointment to the bench, Mr. Bryan has worked for the past 11 years as partner in the law firm of Moss, Bryan & Moss, P.C. in Clinton.

He has also served as associate with Ray Moss & Associates from 1988-1997; as associate with Allen F. Bennett & Associates in Decatur from 1985-1988; as well as with Baird, McCarthy & Rowden in Decatur. Mr. Bryan worked as a judicial law clerk for former Appellate Court Judge A.G. Webber III from 1983-1985; and as an appellate prosecutor for the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission from 1980-1983.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Bryan has provided pro bono consultation and work for a variety of indigent clients. He also served as a board member for the DeWitt County Human Resource Center for two years.

A resident of Clinton, Mr. Bryan is married with two children.

Justice Garman's special screening committee, which reviewed the candidates, consisted of four non-lawyers and three lawyers.

The non-lawyer members were: Chairperson Dr. Monica DeGrauwe; Cheryl Lietz and Timothy Reeser of Clinton; and F. Dick Maxwell of Farmer City.

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The lawyers on the committee were Roger Simpson of Monticello; Joe Taylor of Clinton and Lott Thomas of Champaign.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit includes Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.