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**SUPREME COURT APPOINTS CHICAGO LITIGATION PARTNER TO
COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Tuesday the appointment of Raymond W. Mitchell, a litigation partner in the Chicago office of Winston & Strawn, to fill a vacancy on the Cook County Circuit Court.

Mr. Mitchell, who concentrates his practice in commercial and appellate matters, will assume judicial office, effective October 14, 2008. His appointment terminates December 6, 2010. He will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Marsha D. Hayes.

Mr. Mitchell has been a partner at Winston & Strawn since 2003, and was an associate at the firm from 1998 to 2003. He had served as clerk to Retired Supreme Court Justice James D. Heiple from 1996 to 1998; and also served a clerkship with U.S. Appellate Court Judge James L. Ryan of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Detroit, Mich.

Before serving his clerkship with Justice Heiple, Mr. Mitchell worked as an associate with Gardner, Carton & Douglas in Chicago, and with Shearman & Sterling in New York.

He received his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law in 1993. At Loyola, he served on the Law Journal, received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award and the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law.

He has served as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law; is a member of the Appellate Rules & Statutes Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee; and also is a member of the Illinois Appellate Lawyer's Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association.