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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judges
Appointed in the Fifth Judicial Circuit**

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Fifth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Derek J. Girton and Karen E. Wall as associate judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Girton received his undergraduate degree in 1988 from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, and his Juris Doctor in 1993 from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Mr. Girton has been affiliated with Acton & Snyder, LLP in Danville, Illinois.

Ms. Wall received her undergraduate degree in 1994 from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, and her Juris Doctor in 1997 from John Marshall Law in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Wall has been affiliated with Spiros & Wall, P.C. in Danville, Illinois.