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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT NAMES HILLSBORO ATTORNEY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

The Supreme Court of Illinois has appointed Kelly D. Long, former Montgomery County state's attorney and a longtime attorney of broad experience in Hillsboro, to be resident Circuit judge for Montgomery County in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

The appointment of Mr. Long, 58, is effective July 18, 2002 and will terminate December 6, 2004. He will fill the position currently held by Circuit Judge Dennis M. Huber, who is resigning from judicial office on July 16, 2002. His appointment was announced on Tuesday.

A lifelong resident of Hillsboro and a graduate of Hillsboro High School, Mr. Long received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois and his law degree from Washington University in 1969.

After law school, he was an attorney in general practice before becoming Montgomery County state's attorney.

Mr. Long was state's attorney from 1972 to 1980 when he founded the Kelly D. Long Law Office and engaged in general practice with an emphasis in recent years on personal injury, worker's compensation and criminal defense.

He is an avid outdoorsman, who has raised Labrador Retrievers and has been very active in Ducks Unlimited.

He is a past president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

He completed Army ROTC training while attending Washington University School of Law, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served on active duty from April 1970 to December 1971 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.