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Supreme Court Names Clay County State's Attorney to Circuit Court Bench

The Supreme Court of Illinois has appointed Alan Buck, state's attorney of Clay County, to be a resident Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, filling the vacancy created by the death of the Honorable Patrick L. Duke.

Mr. Buck will assume his judicial duties on December 1, 2003 to allow an orderly transition from his present duties as state's attorney. The appointment terminates December 6, 2004.

Mr. Buck is a lifelong Illinois resident, and has been state's attorney of Clay County since 1994. He has been elected three times to the key law enforcement position. Before becoming state's attorney, Mr. Buck conducted a diverse general practice, in civil and criminal law in Litchfield from 1983 to 1994. He also served as an assistant state's attorney of Montgomery County from 1990 to 1994.

Mr. Buck received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, and his law degree with honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago/Kent College of Law in 1981.

He served in the infantry from 1967 to 1969 and was awarded the Purple Heart.