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**STATEMENTS FROM CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS AND JUSTICE
KARMEIER ON THE DEPARTURE OF ARDC ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ROBINSON**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas, on behalf of the Supreme Court, issued this statement about Mary Robinson's departure as administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission:

"We hate to see her go. Mary is a talented lawyer and administrator, and she is a genuine pleasure to work with. It speaks volumes that, after 15 years, she leaves her post as the head of the attorney disciplinary commission with far more friends than when she arrived. Everyone who has worked with her is better for the experience, and the Court wishes her nothing but success."

Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, who serves as the Supreme Court liaison to the ARDC, issued the following statement:

"Policing the legal profession is one of the least appreciated but most important responsibilities of the Supreme Court. Mary Robinson has been indispensable to that effort. During her 15-year tenure as administrator of the ARDC, she brought to the organization an extraordinary combination of management skills, legal ability and devotion to the public trust.

"Her commitment to her work and to the Court have been remarkable. The Court was fortunate to have her counsel and I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say she will truly be missed."

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