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

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Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that Rudolph M. Braud, Jr., and John E. Childress received a majority of the votes cast by the circuit judges in the Seventh Judicial Circuit and are declared to be appointed to the office of associate judge.

Mr. Braud received his undergraduate degree in 1991 from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and his Juris Doctor in 1996 from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. Mr. Braud is currently affiliated with the law firm Zack Stamp Ltd. in Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Childress received his undergraduate degree in 1987 from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, and his Juris Doctor in 1990 from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Childress is currently affiliated with the United State's Attorney's Office in Springfield, Illinois.