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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ASSOCIATE JUDGE LISA
HOLDER WHITE AS CIRCUIT JUDGE**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Wednesday that the Honorable Lisa Holder White, an associate judge since 2001, has been appointed a resident circuit judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Judge White was appointed to fill the Circuit Court seat which became vacant upon the July 21 retirement of Judge John K. Greanias. Her appointment is effective September 29, 2008 and will expire December 6, 2010.

Justice Rita B. Garman recommended the appointment of Judge White after a review process by a special citizen screening committee.

Judge White has taught courses for judges at the 2006 and 2008 Education Conferences and during the 2007 and 2008 New Judge School.

Judge White graduated with high honors from Lewis University with a B.A. degree in political science. She received her *juris doctor* degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1993. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge White worked for six years as associate and partner with the law firm of Brinkoetter Law Office in Decatur, six years as assistant public defender for the Macon County Public Defender's office and nearly two years as assistant state's attorney for the Macon County State's Attorney.

She currently serves on the boards of the Mid-Illinois chapter of the American Red Cross and the Decatur Public Schools Foundation, where she also currently serves as its treasurer. As well, Judge White is a member of the Project Success Right Track Truancy Roundtable.

Justice Garman's special screening committee, which reviewed the candidates, consisted of four non-lawyers and three lawyers.

The non-lawyer members were: Decatur Mayor Michael Carrigan, Ronald Drane and Peggy Smith Luy, all also from Decatur.

The lawyers on the committee were Decatur attorneys Heidi Balsley, William Brown and Richard Heavner.

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Dr. Paula Finn served as the committee's chairperson.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit includes Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.

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