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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge  
Appointed in the Eighth Judicial Circuit**

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Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Eighth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Thomas J. Brannan as an associate judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Brannan received his undergraduate degree in 1966 from the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois, and his Juris Doctor in 1972 from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, IN. Mr. Brannan has been affiliated with McClure, Brannan and Thomas in Beardstown, IL.