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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT NAMES EDGAR COUNTY STATE'S  
ATTORNEY TO CIRCUIT COURT**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Wednesday the appointment of Edgar County State's Attorney Matthew L. Sullivan as a circuit judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Justice Rita B. Garman recommended Mr. Sullivan's appointment to the full Supreme Court to fill the upcoming vacancy created by the resignation of recalled retired Judge Richard E. Scott.

Mr. Sullivan's appointment is effective July 9, and will terminate December 6, 2010. In February, he won the Republican judicial primary for the seat which Judge Scott now holds, and will run unopposed in November for a full six-year term.

"I am honored, humbled and grateful to the Supreme Court and to Justice Garman for the confidence they have placed in me by this appointment," said Mr. Sullivan. "I look forward to assuming the duties of Circuit Court judge and continuing my public service to the people of Illinois."

Mr. Sullivan was first elected state's attorney in 1996, and is currently serving his fourth term. In that capacity, he also serves as attorney for the Edgar county board and elected county officials.

Before his election to county office, Mr. Sullivan worked in general practice as an associate at Fruin & Garst from 1994-1996.

Mr. Sullivan received his *juris doctor* degree, cum laude, from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1994. He graduated with honors from the University of Illinois in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration. He graduated from Shiloh High School and was class valedictorian.

Mr. Sullivan is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Edgar County Bar Association. He is also active in the community. He is a member of the Paris Rotary, St. Mary's

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Catholic Church in Paris, past president of the Paris junior basketball league, and has served as secretary for the Shiloh Education Foundation. He also is a former member of the board of directors for the YMCA.

The Fifth Judicial Circuit encompasses five counties in eastern Illinois including: Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar and Vermilion.

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