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**SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY TO  
SUBCIRCUIT COURT VACANCY IN 17<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The Illinois Supreme Court announced Tuesday the appointment of Brendan A. Maher as Circuit Court judge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Subcircuit of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. Mr. Maher's appointment is effective August 2, 2010 and terminates December 3, 2012.

Mr. Maher has served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois since January 2009, with most of his work on criminal prosecutions.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Maher served for nearly 12 years as partner in the Rockford law firm of WilliamsMcCarthy LLP, engaging in the practice of employment and tort law, civil rights law, insurance and commercial contract law.

Mr. Maher received his *juris doctor*, summa cum laude, from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1997. He graduated with a B.A. degree in Psychology and Secondary Education from Augustana College in 1992.

Mr. Maher has been a member of the Winnebago County Bar Association since 1997, serving as a member of the Board of Directors since 2007. In addition, he is a member of the Illinois State and the American Bar Associations. From 1997-2009, Mr. Maher was a member of the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit is comprised of Winnebago and Boone counties in northern Illinois and is part of the Second Judicial District.

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