

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 16, 2010

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

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that Brian T. Otwell, received a majority of the votes cast by the circuit judges in the Seventh Judicial Circuit and is declared to be appointed to the office of associate judge.

Mr. Otwell received his undergraduate degree in 1980 from the Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois and his Juris Doctor in 1984 from the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Mr. Otwell is currently affiliated with the Sangamon County Public Defender's Office in Springfield, Illinois.