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

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Ninth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Heidi A. Benson as an associate judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Benson received her undergraduate degree in 1994 from Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and her Juris Doctor in 1997 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Ms. Benson is currently affiliated with Flack, McRaven & Stephens in Macomb, Illinois.