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

Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that Ralph R. Bloodworth, III, received the most votes cast by the circuit judges in the First Judicial Circuit and is declared to be appointed to the office of associate judge.

Mr. Bloodworth received his undergraduate degree in 1997 from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and his Juris Doctor in 2000 from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Mr. Bloodworth is currently affiliated with the Womick Law Firm, Chtd., Carbondale, Illinois.