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CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE ON THE PASSING OF MOSES W. HARRISON II

"My former colleague, friend and mentor Chief Justice Harrison will be remembered as a prominent judge in Illinois legal history not because he was a great man but because he never lost sight of the common man. His commitment to equality and fairness went well beyond his simple, succinct, yet superlative opinions. He treated all people in all stations in life with the same kindness, dignity and respect. That fundamental decency guided his work as a judge, and his work guided Illinois law. Illinois is a sadder place today because of his death, but it will forever be a better place because of his life."

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Moses W. Harrison II passed away Thursday at a hospital in St. Louis after a long illness.

He was elected to the Supreme Court from the Fifth Judicial District in 1992, selected by his colleagues as Chief beginning January 1, 2000 and retired on September 5, 2002. He began his judicial service in 1973 as a Circuit Court judge in the Third Judicial Circuit.