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### CIRCUIT JUDGE RAYMOND J. MCKOSKI ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Circuit Judge Raymond "Ray" McKoski has made it official, according to Chief Judge Victoria Rossetti. "On Monday, September 27, 2010, I received a letter from Judge McKoski indicating that he will not be seeking retention in November and will be retiring at the end of his term on December 5, 2010," said Judge Rossetti.

Judge McKoski has been on the bench for over 25 years -- since 1985 when he was first appointed as an Associate Judge. Appointed Circuit Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in December 1991, he ran for the Circuit Judge position in the 1992 general election and was successfully retained as Circuit Judge in subsequent 1998 and 2004 general elections. He was unanimously elected Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake and McHenry Counties, for two terms serving from December 1, 1996 to November 30, 1998.

"Some of the major changes taken place during Judge McKoski's terms as Chief Judge include the opening of the courthouse annex that provided an additional six courtrooms; the dedication of a new juvenile justice complex located in Vernon Hills that would eventually house two juvenile courtrooms and a detention center with 48 beds; a civil mediation program; two courtrooms added to the first floor of the main courthouse which allowed four family division courtrooms to be located on the same floor; a court interpreting program; a juror recognition program; a judicial speaker's bureau; and the list goes on," said Judge Rossetti.

Born in Chicago, Judge McKoski grew up in Bensenville and graduated from Fenton High School. He attended North Central College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969. He earned his Juris Doctor degree, summa cum laude, graduating first in his class from DePaul University College of Law. After finishing law school and being admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1972, he went to work at the Illinois Attorney General's office in Chicago. In 1977, he came to Lake County and was hired as an assistant state's attorney and, subsequently, named Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division.

Judge McKoski has been the recipient of numerous awards. In December 2009, he received the Presidential Service Award from the Illinois Judges Association in recognition of his many contributions in the area of judicial ethics; the Benedict J. Ori Award to recognize former assistant state's attorneys who have distinguished themselves in the legal profession; and the Illinois Township Association Award for Commitment to Youth, to name a few.

Judge McKoski currently hears civil cases over \$50,000. During his years on the bench he has heard all types of cases including medical malpractice, multi-million dollar contract actions, and death penalty cases.

"Judge McKoski's experience, knowledge and wisdom will truly be missed by all in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit," said Chief Judge Rossetti.

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