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DANIEL SHANES APPOINTED CIRCUIT JUDGE

“It is my pleasure to announce today that the Illinois Supreme Court has appointed Associate Judge Daniel B. Shanes as Circuit Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit,” said Chief Judge Victoria Rossetti. “Dan Shanes is an excellent selection and possesses outstanding qualities – fairness, judicial temperament, experience, a scholar and one who is highly respected in the legal community.”

Shanes will fill the position now held by Raymond J. McKoski who will retire from his post as Circuit Judge effective December 5, 2010. The Supreme Court appointment is effective December 6, 2010 until December 3, 2012. To maintain his title as Circuit Judge after December 3, 2012, Shanes will have to be nominated in the March 2012 primary and elected in the November 2012 general election.

Appointed in March 2007, he served in preliminary hearings/bond court, traffic court, and as “super backup” hearing both criminal and civil matters. Since 2008, Judge Shanes has been assigned to the felony division hearing the more serious felony trials including first degree murder and child sexual predator cases.

In 2009, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Shanes to its Committee on Education, which provides continuing judicial education to all judges in Illinois. In addition to teaching at judicial education conferences, he is a regular speaker for

various continuing education programs and organizations. Additionally, he has published dozens of legal articles, several of which have been cited by the Illinois Supreme Court, Illinois Appellate Court, and legal treatises.

In 2008, Shanes was elected to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Judges Association. He has also previously served as Secretary of the Lake County Bar Association and co-editor of its flagship publication, *The Docket*.

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1993, Shanes began his legal career as a judicial law clerk for Justice Robert J. Steigmann of the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District in Urbana, IL. In 1995, he was hired as an assistant state's attorney in Lake County. He was appointed chief of the drug prosecutions division in 2001 and promoted to chief of the felony review division in 2006 where he served until his appointment as associate judge in March 2007.

In 1989 Judge Shanes received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University College of Law in 1993 and was a member of the DePaul Law Review.

In 2008, Judge Shanes was named the recipient of the Fred L. Foreman award, an award given to an individual in the criminal justice system who has demonstrated their commitment to the children of Lake County through their significant efforts and support.

Outside of work, Judge Shanes' interests focus on spending time with his family and reading and writing. He is also active in the local community, serving as assistant coach in youth sports as well as volunteering in schools.

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