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**Administrative Director Declares Two Illinois Associate Judges
Appointed in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit**

Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the circuit judges of the 20th Judicial Circuit voted to select Joseph D. Christ and Christopher T. Kolker as associate judges of the 20th Judicial Circuit. As no candidate received a majority of votes to fill the third vacancy, a runoff is necessary.

Mr. Christ received his undergraduate degrees in 1986 from Illinois State University in Normal, IL and his Juris Doctor in 1993 from the Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Christ is currently affiliated with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office in Belleville, IL.

Mr. Kolker received his undergraduate degree in 1989 from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona and his Juris Doctor in 1998 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Mr. Kolker is currently engaged in practice with the Kolker Law Offices, P.C., in Belleville, IL.