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

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Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Seventh Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Karen S. Tharp as associate judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Tharp received her undergraduate degree in 1984 from the Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois and her Juris Doctor in 1988 from the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. Ms. Tharp is affiliated with the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office in Springfield, Illinois.