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## CHIEF JUDGE’S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FORMER CHIEF LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER MARSHALL HARTMAN



It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of former Lake County Chief Public Defender Marshall Hartman. Marshall served as Lake County’s Chief Public Defender from 1987 - 1991 and presided over major expansion and modernization of the office. His talent and dedication to the cause of equal justice for all, to which he dedicated his life’s work, was unparalleled. His influence in the public defender movement extended beyond Lake County and he was nationally recognized for his work in expanding services for the indigent accused in jurisdictions around the country. Marshall was influential in the fight against the death penalty in Illinois and nationally and ran the Death Penalty Post-Conviction Unit of the State Appellate Defender’s Office during its most crucial period. Marshall served as a mentor to countless young defenders who continue to carry out the work that he advocated to this day. Marshall Hartman was a true champion of justice whose influence in Lake County and beyond will be felt for years to come.

Please keep his wife Pat, children and grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

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