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GEORGE BRIDGES APPOINTED CIRCUIT JUDGE

Late Wednesday afternoon Chief Judge Fred Foreman received word from Springfield that Associate Judge George Bridges had been appointed Circuit Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit by the Illinois Supreme Court. “I believe Judge Bridges, with over seventeen years of judicial experience on the bench, makes him an excellent choice as the next circuit judge,” said Chief Judge Foreman.

Judge Bridges will fill the position now held by Circuit Judge David M Hall who will retire from the bench on July 11, 2012. The Supreme Court Order reads, “Effective July 12, 2012, and terminating December 1, 2014, the Honorable George Bridges, Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, is appointed Circuit Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, First Subcircuit.” To maintain the Circuit Judge position after December 1, 2014, Bridges will have to be nominated in the March 2014 primary and elected in the November 2014 general election.

George Bridges has been a judge since March 27, 1995. He has heard all types of cases including felonies, misdemeanors, DUI’s, small claims, juvenile, and traffic. Most of his time served on the bench has been in the criminal division where he is currently assigned as one of the judges with a full felony caseload.

Bridges began his legal career working as an associate prosecutor under then Lake County State’s Attorney Fred Foreman. The saying, “What goes around comes around” is no

exception in this case. He now serves as a member of the judiciary headed by Chief Judge Fred Foreman. "I have known Judge Bridges for almost forty years," said Judge Foreman. "He was a mentor to me during my first year as a judge and is highly regarded by his fellow judges, attorneys, and litigants in his courtroom."

Prior to his appointment as associate judge, Judge Bridges had been Police Chief of the City of Waukegan from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1995. During the period from 1990 to 1993 he worked in the Lake County State's Attorney's office.

Judge Bridges received his undergraduate degree in 1982 from National Lewis University in Evanston and earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1987 from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

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