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SEVENTENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**17<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT SELECTS RYAN A. SWIFT AS NEW ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

**ROCKFORD, IL** – August 27, 2019 – Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, and Eugene G. Doherty, Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court, are pleased to announce that the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges have selected Attorney Ryan A. Swift as an Associate Judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. This associate judge vacancy is based on the retirement of Associate Judge K. Patrick Yarbrough, effective August 31, 2019. Mr. Swift will take his oath of office on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Commenting on the selection, Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty stated, “Ryan Swift has impressed us with his professionalism and his demeanor. His significant jury trial experience will be a great asset to him as a judge.”

“I am truly honored and humbled by this appointment,” said Mr. Swift. “I look forward to the opportunity to serve such a wonderful community as an Associate Judge.”

Mr. Swift received his undergraduate degree in Communications from Northwestern University in 2002, and his Juris Doctor from the John Marshall Law School in 2006. He is currently an associate attorney with the law firm of Altamore & Associates, P.C. His prior employment includes service as an assistant public defender with the Winnebago County Public Defender’s Office.

Ryan Swift is a member of the Winnebago County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association Standing Committee on Corrections and Sentencing. He has served as a volunteer mentor in connection with the court’s Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program and as an arbitrator in connection with the court’s Mandatory Arbitration Program. His involvement with community and civic organizations includes volunteering with the Rockton Lions Club and serving on the Village of Rockton Zoning Board of Appeals.

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