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PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Tom Tedeschi is pleased to announce that Crawford County State's Attorney Matthew Hartrich has been selected by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the election of Justice David Overstreet to the Illinois Appellate Court-Fifth District. Mr. Hartrich will begin serving as Circuit Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois on June 8, 2020. Chief Judge Tedeschi states, "I am excited to have Matt begin the next phase of his legal career as Circuit Judge here in the Second Circuit. I have had the pleasure of seeing Matt in the courtroom over the past several years and he will be a great addition to the outstanding group of judges we have in the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois. I wish to thank Justice Karmeier and the remaining members of the Illinois Supreme Court for their decision to appoint Mr. Hartrich to this vacancy."

Mr. Hartrich has served as the Crawford County State's Attorney since 2012. He has also served as Crawford County Public Defender from 2005 to 2012 and has prior experience in the private sector. Hartrich's appointment concludes on December 7, 2020, when the vacancy will be filled by the winner of the November 2020 general election. Hartrich was elected as the Republican Party nominee for the position in the March 2020 primary election and is running unopposed in the general election.

Hartrich earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois and his Juris Doctor degree, Magna Cum Laude from the University of Illinois College of Law. The Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois includes Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White Counties.