

## **Local Attorney Sworn-In as Newest Associate Judge**

Second Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Melissa Morgan is pleased to announce that local attorney Lindsey D. Waldrop has been sworn-in as the newest Associate Judge in the Second Circuit. Ms. Waldrop was selected by a majority vote of the Circuit Judges to fill the Associate Judge vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Judge Kimbara Harrell in August. The swearing-in ceremony took place on Tuesday in Lawrence County where Ms. Waldrop resides.

Ms. Waldrop received her undergraduate degree in 2000 from the University of Evansville in Evansville, Indiana and her Juris Doctor in 2003 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Ms. Waldrop has been affiliated with the Law Offices of James D. Stout in Bridgeport, Illinois, and has served as an Assistant States Attorney for both Lawrence County and Crawford County. She has also served as counsel for the City of Sumner in Sumner, Illinois.

Chief Judge Melissa Morgan stated, “Applicants from across the Circuit applied for the vacancy and the field of candidates was an exceptional representation of the most experienced and accomplished attorneys in our Circuit. The decision put before us proved to be an arduous one, but I believe Ms. Waldrop will serve the Second Circuit with impartiality and integrity. She brings to the bench extensive experience in criminal law, civil law, specialty courts, and mediation. On behalf of Judges of the Circuit, I extend our congratulations to Ms. Waldrop and we look forward to serving with her.”

Following her swearing-in, Ms. Waldrop thanked those in attendance and stated, “It is an honor and privilege to be selected by the Circuit Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit to be the next Associate Judge. After twenty years of practicing law, I am enthusiastic and eager to start this

new chapter in my career. I look forward to serving the residents of the Second Judicial Circuit in this capacity."

*Pictured: Lindsey D. Waldrop at official swearing-in ceremony.*



*Also pictured (Left to Right): Judges in attendance included: Lawrence Co. Resident Judge Michael Strange, Associate Judge Lindsey Waldrop, Justice Barry L. Vaughan, Hamilton County Resident Judge on Appellate Assignment, and Chief Judge Melissa Morgan.*

