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### **Jeanne G. Walsh Named Chief United States Probation Officer for the Northern District of Illinois**

CHICAGO – Chief Judge James F. Holderman today announced that Jeanne G. Walsh has been selected by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to serve as Chief United States Probation Officer for the Northern District of Illinois at the expiration of Chief Kristine C.O. Phillips' term on February 28, 2013.

Jeanne Walsh has served as Deputy Chief Probation Officer in the Northern District of Illinois for the past year, where her duties and responsibilities include overseeing Budget and Procurement, Human Resources, and other administrative departments. She has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University. Deputy Chief Walsh became a probation officer in 1987. She was promoted to a Sentencing Guidelines Specialist in 1991, Supervising Probation Officer in 1992, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer in 2010, and Deputy Chief Probation Officer in January 2011.

Outgoing Chief United States Probation Officer Kristine Phillips began her service with the Northern District of Illinois in February 1989, after working for seven years in the McHenry County Department of Court Services. She has served as the district's Chief United States Probation Officer since May 1, 2010, and will retire with 24 years of service on February 28, 2013. Chief Phillips has a Master of Arts degree in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign.

Chief Judge Holderman stated, “We judges are delighted to appoint Jeanne G. Walsh as our court’s newest Chief United States Probation Officer. With her proven record of achievement, we anticipate that Deputy Chief Walsh will continue to uphold the Probation Office’s outstanding reputation for excellence in all areas of service.”

Judge Holderman further stated, “That reputation for excellence is, of course, due to the efforts of all of the people in our court’s Probation Department under the exceptional leadership of outgoing Chief United States Probation Officer Kristine Phillips, whom I thank on behalf of all the judges for her distinguished service in the Northern District of Illinois.”