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Kirk Applauds White House Judicial Nomination of John Blakey to Northern District Bench

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CHICAGO – U.S. Senator Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) released the following statement today following President Obama's judicial nomination of John Blakey for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Blakey is Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Special Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's office, and was Senator Kirk's recommendation to the White House to fill the vacancy created when Judge James F. Holderman became a senior judge at the end of 2013. This is Senator Kirk's third nomination to the bench, including Manish Shah who the Senate confirmed earlier this year as a judge for the Northern District of Illinois:

"John Blakey has extensive trial experience and every year oversees hundreds of cases, both civil and criminal, in the State's Attorney's Office. He supervises the Regional Organized Crime Task Force, acts as co-leader of the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force, and lectures nationwide on the complex legal issues that arise in RICO cases. I commend President Obama's decision to nominate John Blakey to the bench for the Northern District of Illinois and I will urge the full Senate to swiftly approve this nomination."

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