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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN APPOINTS NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPUTY**

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that she has appointed Michael J. Hood as Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice in the Office of the Attorney General. He will succeed Ellen Mandeltort, who recently was named a Cook County Associate Judge.

"Michael Hood is an extremely experienced and talented lawyer," Madigan said. "The people of Illinois will be well-served by his tenure with my office."

Hood, 43, previously served as the supervisor of the Second Municipal District with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and in 2006 was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association. He is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court's Capital Litigation Screening Committee, which reviews attorneys seeking admittance to the Capital Litigation Trial Bar, and he has taught as an adjunct professor of Criminal Law at Triton College.

Prior to joining the State's Attorney's Office, Hood served as a Major in the U.S. Marine Corps as a trial attorney at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Camp Pendleton, Ca. Hood attended DePaul College of Law and the University of Illinois, as well as The Judge Advocate General's School of the United States Army, where he earned a Master of Law.

As Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice, Hood will oversee the Attorney General's Criminal Enforcement, Crime Victims Services and Investigations Divisions. Hood's primary responsibilities will be to coordinate the Office's crime-fighting activities with state, county and local authorities. In particular, the Attorney General's Office assists state's attorneys in the prosecution of criminal cases, particularly murder cases, in all regions of the state. In addition, Hood will oversee the division's specialized bureaus that handle complex financial cases, public corruption matters, Medicaid fraud, high-tech crimes and cases seeking the involuntary commitment of the most dangerous sex offenders. The Criminal Enforcement Division also operates a statewide grand jury with jurisdiction over multi-county crimes related to drugs, gangs and guns.

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