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MADIGAN NAMES NEW SOLICITOR GENERAL

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that she has appointed David L. Franklin to serve as the new Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General.

“I am very pleased to announce David Franklin as Solicitor General,” Madigan said. “David’s wealth of experience and knowledge of the law will serve the state of Illinois well.”

Franklin will succeed Carolyn Shapiro, who will return to IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she serves as Associate Professor of Law and founding director of its Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States.

“I want to thank Carolyn for her exceptional service to the Attorney General’s Office and to the people of Illinois,” Madigan said.

Franklin joins Madigan’s office from DePaul University College of Law, where he served as Associate Professor and was Vice Dean from 2011 to 2014. Franklin is also an Advisor to the American Law Institute and previously was a law professor at the University of Michigan Law School, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, and George Washington University Law School. Prior to becoming a law professor, Franklin practiced as an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in New York.

Franklin clerked for Judge Stephen F. Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court. He received his bachelor’s degree from Yale College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

As Solicitor General, Franklin will oversee more than 40 attorneys in Madigan’s Appellate Division who work on behalf of the state, its officers and agencies. The Solicitor General oversees attorneys’ work in the U.S. Supreme Court, Illinois Supreme Court and the federal and state appellate courts.

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