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SENATOR DICK DURBIN ENDORSES SUSAN MCGRATH FOR CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

CHAMPAIGN – United States Senator, Dick Durbin (D-IL), announces his endorsement of Susan W. McGrath, candidate for Circuit Clerk in Champaign County, Illinois.

"As an attorney and a legislator, I know the importance of having someone in the Clerk's office who knows what the office does and should do, and can work with the Courthouse team to ensure access to justice for Courthouse users," said Durbin. "I have known Susan since I first ran for the U.S. Senate in 1996, and I am confident that she will be a good Circuit Clerk."

McGrath works in the State's Attorney's office to provide needed child support for families in Champaign County. In her 38 years of practice as an attorney she has represented a wide variety of persons who come to her for legal help and assistance. As a volunteer, she has led the way for supportive services to the elderly in Champaign County through the East Central Illinois Elder Abuse Task Force where she has been a member since its inception in 1993. McGrath has devoted her legal volunteer efforts to helping low income and disadvantaged citizens through her work with the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation and the local Bar Association.

McGrath's government service includes 16 years on the County Board where she was elected as a student and helped move the board to open government and expanded access to the public. She also served as the first female member of the C-U Sanitary District Board for 7 years, including Board President for 5 years. McGrath has also volunteered with the Illinois Federation of Business Womens' Club, serving in various leadership capacities at the state and local level.

"Susan is dedicated to facing the challenges of the 21st century innovations and technological developments to bring state of the art services to Champaign County courts at low cost and increased efficiencies," continued Durbin. "Her devotion to government and public service are exemplary and she has earned my full support."

Durbin is the senior United States Senator from Illinois and a longtime resident of Springfield. Durbin serves as the Democratic Whip—the second-ranking Democrat in the Senate—and on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules committees.

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