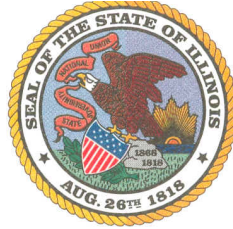


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**ATTORNEY KATHRYN J. CROSS SELECTED
AS BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**

ROCKFORD, IL – John S. Lowry, Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, is pleased to announce that the circuit judges of the 17th Circuit have selected Attorney Kathryn J. Cross as Public Defender for Boone County, Illinois.

Commenting on the selection, Presiding Boone County Circuit Judge Rob Tobin stated, “Ms. Cross is a skilled lawyer with a recognized presence in Boone County. She and her staff prove daily that the quality of legal services does not depend on the amount of money a client can afford. She is a star on the rise and I’m confident the office will continue to thrive under her leadership.”

“I am both honored and humbled to have been chosen as the Boone County Public Defender,” said Attorney Cross. “I look forward to leading an office that provides excellent representation to the indigent clients of Boone County.”

Ms. Cross completed her undergraduate studies at Monmouth College in 2008, and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2011. Her legal career has been primarily dedicated to service with the Boone County Public Defender’s Office, where she has been employed since 2012. Attorney Cross has served as the appointed Interim Boone County Public Defender since December 2021.

Kathryn Cross is a current member of the Boone County Bar Association and the Winnebago County Bar Association, and has served as the President of the Boone County Bar Association since 2018. Her involvement with community and civic organizations includes judging, mentoring, and sponsoring the Monmouth College Moot Court Program, and volunteer work with the Second Chances Summit for sealing and expunging criminal records and the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford.

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