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LOCAL JUDGES TO SPEAK AT SEMINAR

Third Judicial Circuit Judge Barbara Crowder and Twentieth Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Thomas Cannady will present a session on “Illinois Professionalism & Ethics—View from the Bench” at a Best Practices seminar presented by the United States Arbitration & Mediation (USA&M) dispute resolution group on May 19th at the Collinsville Doubletree Hotel. Their program will be moderated by Clarissa Graff from Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation.

Judge Barbara Crowder was first appointed as a judge in Madison County in January of 1999 and was elected in 2006 as a Circuit Judge. She presides over a Law Division Jury Docket and also handles the eminent domain cases in Madison County. She was the Presiding Judge in the Family Division of Madison County for six years. Judge Crowder is Chair of the Third Circuit Pro Bono committee and co-chair of its Family Violence Prevention Council. Judge Crowder is Vice-Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council and is a Past Chair of the ISBA Family Law Section Council. Judge Crowder is the Treasurer of the Illinois Judges Association and will become the Secretary of that group in June 2017. She is a frequent lecturer for the Illinois State Bar Association and for judicial education conferences. She belongs to the Illinois Judges Association, the ISBA and the Madison County Bar Association.

Thomas Cannady is an Associate Judge for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, St. Clair County, Illinois. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2015, Judge Cannady was in private practice for 30 years, concentrating in trial litigation, personal injury, divorce and general practice. He was the managing partner at Cannady & AuBuchon, P.C. f/k/a Cannady & Katz, P.C. Judge Cannady has also been an adjunct professor in the Paralegal program at Southwestern Illinois College since 1997, teaching Civil Procedure. He is Past President of the St. Clair County Bar Association, and current member and CLE Director for the St. Clair County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the East St. Louis Bar Association, and the Illinois Judges Association.

The seminar also includes speakers on medical records, electronically stored records, and litigation and provides continuing education credit to both Illinois and Missouri attorneys.