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RESUME

I was born and raised in the 16th Circuit town of Sandwich Illinois. I attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1980 with a B.A. in Economics. I then attended IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law where I made the Dean's List. Upon graduating in 1983 I was licensed to practice in Illinois.

I worked for two years at the firm of C. Ronald Cook and Associates in Sandwich, engaged in a general practice including civil, criminal and municipal law. In 1986 I took the position of Assistant Cooperation Counsel and City Prosecutor in Aurora. I moved to Aurora that year and live there still. I married Ginger Lang in 1990 and we own a home on Aurora's west side. For the city of Aurora, I prosecuted ordinance violations including traffic, misdemeanor and property standards violations. I also worked in partnership with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office for a period of time in the form of a cross prosecution agreement between the city and county. I also represented the city in administrative hearings and worked with the Mayors and City Council, including drafting ordinances.

While working at the city I began a PhD program at Northern Illinois University in which I studied courtroom efficiency and other aspects of government as part of a Political Science/Public Administration program. Also, during my tenure with the city I served a term as General Counsel to the Kane County Bar Association. In June of 2004 I was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In 2005 the City of Aurora dissolved its Legal Department, whereupon I was hired by the Kane Count State's Attorney's Office to prosecute for the state, again in the Aurora Branch Court. During my tenure with the State I have taught a Business Law Class at Robert Morris College in Aurora.

Currently I am prosecuting on a full time basis while getting to know my home community even better as a candidate for the bench, in which effort I am proud to have the support of many of my colleagues and much of the local community.