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**Clerk Dorothy Brown Congratulates Hon. Young B. Kim,
First Asian-American Federal Judge in Illinois**

(CHICAGO) — The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, issued the following statement today in regards to the appointment of Hon. Young B. Kim as the first Asian-American federal judge in Illinois and the only Korean-American judge in Illinois.

“It is my great pleasure to congratulate Hon. Young Kim on his illustrious and well deserved appointment as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Hon. Kim had distinguished himself as an administrative judge with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since his appointment in 2001. In addition, he established an impressive professional record, having previously served as a federal prosecutor in Chicago, a judicial clerk for Judge Charles Norgle of the Northern District of Illinois, and an Assistant Public Defender.

“Hon. Kim is regularly commended on his community involvement. He serves on numerous boards including the Federal Bar Association and the EEOC Judges Association. In recognition of his community efforts he has received many accolades, such as the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Chicago Bar Association and the Best Lawyers Under 40 Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

“I applaud Hon. Kim for being a founding member of the Korean American Bar Association (KABA) of Chicago, for which he currently serves as an advisory member and mentor. Hon. Kim is credited with volunteering countless hours of pro bono legal services at the KABA legal clinic.

“Hon. Kim is respected for his integrity, fairness and service, and now he has the distinct honor of being the fourth Korean-American federal judge in the history of the U.S. I extend my best wishes to him on his future success in this new appointment.”

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