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**Kendall County State's Attorney announces Brenda Karales
appointed as First Assistant State's Attorney**

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that long-time Assistant State's Attorney Brenda Karales was recently promoted to First Assistant State's Attorney. Karales, a veteran prosecutor for nearly three decades, has been the juvenile delinquency/abuse and neglect supervisor since 2006. She has handled thousands of cases in the juvenile court system. Prior to this assignment, Karales handled felony and misdemeanor cases as well as serving as the lead assistant state's attorney for the Kendall County Cooperative Police Assistance Team (CPAT).

Karales currently serves as the executive director for the Kendall County Child Advocacy Center where she has overseen over 1000 forensic interviews of children who were the victim of physical or sexual abuse. She also serves as the vice-chairman of the Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) and heads up the annual Sky 5K run to help raise money for scholarship, truancy prevention programs, and other assistance funded by the JJC.

Karales has been an Assistant State's Attorney for Kendall County since 1997. Prior to working for Kendall County, Karales worked as a staff attorney for the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office for 3 years. Karales is a graduate of Plano High School. She attended Illinois State University for her undergraduate degree. She graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1992 and was sworn in as an attorney in that same year. Karales is married with three adult children. She also helps to run the family farm when she is not working for Kendall County.

Weis stated, "Brenda has been a fixture in the Kendall County court system for many years. She was actually my supervisor when I began my prosecuting career in Kendall County. She has handled almost every type of case we see here in our office. She has been invaluable in running our CAC and JJC. She always goes the extra mile to help staff in the SAO, other members of the court system, law enforcement, and the public. We are lucky to have her serving in this role."