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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville—Attorney Thomas D. Gibbons was sworn in as Madison County State's Attorney by Chief Criminal Judge Charles Romani in a morning ceremony at the Madison County Administration Building. Gibbons, 40, was appointed to the position by the Chairman Alan Dunstan and the unanimous vote of the Madison County Board on November 17, 2010 to fill out the remaining 2-year term of State's Attorney William A. Mudge who was elected Circuit Judge in the November election. He will serve until the November 2012 General Election.

In 1998, Gibbons, a native of Edwardsville, was hired by the State's Attorney's Office upon graduation from St. Louis University Law School. While a full-time Assistant State's Attorney, he was promoted to Chief of the Misdemeanor and Traffic Division and was active in the development of the Domestic Violence Court. Gibbons left the office in 2001 to pursue a career in the private sector, but returned in 2004 as a part-time Assistant State's Attorney where he has carried a felony caseload while being responsible for the traffic and misdemeanor docket in Granite City.

In addition to his work as a prosecutor, Gibbons has often served as Guardian ad Litem for minors and disabled adults in guardianship, child custody, accident and wrongful death cases. He is a certified arbitrator in the 3rd Judicial Circuit.

"I am honored to be appointed Madison County State's Attorney," Gibbons stated. "The responsibilities of the State's Attorney are vast and I look forward to using the resources of my office to be at the forefront of continuing to provide a safe and secure community for the citizens of Madison County." In addition to maintaining the high level of professionalism and service in the office, Gibbons identified some of the priorities of his administration, mentioning a renewed emphasis on fighting crimes against children, driving under the influence, domestic violence, and seeking harsher penalties for repeat offenders. "I will spend every day working to prove to the people of Madison County that I am worthy of their trust and confidence and worthy to be their State's Attorney. We will work side by side with the women and men of law enforcement," Gibbons said.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor from St. Louis University, he pursued a Masters in Public Administration at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, graduating in 2003. He is a member of the Third Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council and has served as a volunteer with the Madison County Juvenile Diversion Program and the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. Gibbons was also a member of the Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force and the Regional Computer Crimes Enforcement Group.

Gibbons lives in Edwardsville and is the father of two sons.

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