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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville— Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons has announced that Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Vucich has been named as his First Assistant State's Attorney, effective immediately.

State's Attorney Gibbons noted that the assignment is the beginning of several restructuring plans that he has for the office in order to ensure that the office is functioning efficiently and effectively.

Assistant State's Attorney Vucich has dedicated her professional career to protecting citizens from violent criminals. She has been with the office since September 1999 when she was hired as a law clerk while attending St. Louis University School of Law. After graduating in December 2000, Vucich was hired as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Misdemeanor Division. In April 2003, she was promoted to the Felony Division where she has tried numerous cases, including serving as lead or co-counsel on dozens of murder trials, and has sent countless numbers of criminals to prison.

In addition to her duties with the Felony Division, Vucich is also an instructor with the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office where she helps train new prosecutors during their bi-annual Trial Advocacy Course. She has been a board member with the Madison County Child Advocacy Center and was instrumental in implementing the Madison County Child Abduction Response team led by Madison County Sheriff Bob Hertz. Vucich has also led the office in various community prosecution programs such as Line in the Sand with the Alton Police Department. Likewise, she has attended hundreds of trainings in a variety of topics during her time with the State's Attorney's Office. Prior to Illinois' elimination of the death penalty, Vucich also served on the Illinois Capital Litigation Bar.

"Jennifer is experienced and commands respect from her peers and members of the law enforcement community," stated Gibbons. "She already serves as a mentor to other prosecutors within the office, and I'm confident she will excel in her new role with the State's Attorney's Office."

Vucich, who lives in Bethalto, has two children and is an avid runner. She completed her first marathon in 2011.

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