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**GARY S. SHAPIRO TO BECOME ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

CHICAGO Gary S. Shapiro will become Acting United States Attorney on July 1, 2012, after Patrick J. Fitzgerald steps down as the top federal law enforcement official in the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Shapiro, who has served as First Assistant United States Attorney for the last 14 years, has a total of four decades of experience as a federal prosecutor in Chicago. The decision of Attorney General Eric Holder that Mr. Shapiro would serve as Acting U.S. Attorney was announced to employees of the United States Attorney's Office earlier this morning.

"Gary Shapiro is a prosecutor's prosecutor. The Office could not be in better hands," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "As a trial lawyer and organized crime supervisor, he fearlessly pursued mobsters as well as corrupt politicians and union leaders in cases that were historic in significance. In his two decades as Criminal Chief and First Assistant, he has consistently exhibited great leadership and integrity, while providing wise counsel and guidance on a wide variety of cases. Gary has seen it all. The citizens of the Northern District have been very fortunate to benefit from his public service the last 40 years and will be even more fortunate during his service as Acting U.S. Attorney."

As First Assistant United State Attorney since January 1998, and Criminal Chief for six years prior to that, Mr. Shapiro has played a major role in supervising a variety of investigations and prosecutions involving international terrorism and terrorism financing, public corruption, corporate fraud, and organized crime, including violent crime and narcotics and gang prosecutions. In addition, he has had significant responsibility for managing more than 300 employees, including approximately 170 Assistant U.S. Attorneys in Chicago and Rockford. The Northern District of Illinois covers 18 counties across the top tier of the state, with a population of approximately nine million people.

Prior to serving as Chief of the Criminal Division and the First Assistant, Mr. Shapiro served in the Department of Justice in Chicago since 1972. From 1984 until 1990, Mr. Shapiro was in charge of all organized crime prosecutions in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Mr. Shapiro, 65, of Evanston, is married and has a daughter and a son-in-law. He was born in New York City and was reared in Dallas. He graduated from Rice University in 1968, and in 1971 from the University of Texas School of Law.

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