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ABRAHAM LINCOLN PORTRAIT UNVEILED IN THE CRIMINAL COURT TOWER

On Tuesday, October 2nd, Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena of the 19th Judicial Circuit led his colleagues in unveiling a famous portrait of the 16th President of the United States. The Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois Judges Foundation, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Foundation, and the Illinois Historical Society donated funds to have Abraham Lincoln's portrait placed in all 102 counties in Illinois in conjunction with the State's Bicentennial celebration. Printed on canvas, the photograph of Lincoln was taken by Springfield photographer Alexander Hesler on June 3rd, 1860 in the old State Capital.

"This donation was made possible by the Lake County Bar Association, thanks to an anonymous donor who purchased the portrait from the Illinois State Historical Society. We are proud to display the portrait of Abraham Lincoln for the citizens of Lake County to view. President Lincoln's personal philosophy was based on reason and respect for the law," said Chief Judge Ukena.

The lifelike canvas photograph, in a stained-wood frame, is a clear and commanding portrait. Lincoln considered the photograph his favorite. It has been hung in the new Criminal Court Tower, at 301 Washington Street in Waukegan; all visitors to the Courthouse are encouraged to admire the new addition.

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