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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FEDERAL JUDGE HARLINGTON WOOD, JR. TO SPEAK AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- The Hon. Harlington Wood Jr., Circuit Judge to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh District in Chicago, will address some of the serious problems currently facing the federal court system from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 in Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin Hall Roberson Auditorium, Room 122.

Wood's appearance will mark the first for federal judges on the EIU campus. The judicial circuit Wood presides over covers Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

"This is the highest sitting federal judge we've ever had on campus. He's served close to 30 years at the federal level," said EIU political science professor and pre-law society advisor Peter Leigh. "Our purpose is to honor this judicial official and to give people information about the problems in the judicial system. For instance, there are almost 100 vacancies in the judicial system and that hikes the work load for judicial officials."

"He will address hot topics and problems the judicial system is facing at this

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time," Leigh continued.

Wood is also interested in international cooperation and exchanges. While holding judicial offices, he travelled extensively to render assistance to the judicial systems in other countries, including Eastern Europe.

Preceding his current position, Wood served as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois; U.S. Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division in Washington, D.C.; U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General in D.C.; Executive Head of the U.S. Attorneys, U.S. Department of Justice in D.C.; and U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. He also has had a private law practice.

Wood received his A.B. and J.D. from the University of Illinois.

A question-and-answer period will follow his speech, "Federal Courts are in Crisis."

EIU students, faculty and community members are welcome to attend. The free event is co-sponsored by Sigma Iota Lambda, the EIU pre-law society, and Pi Sigma Alpha, a national political science honor society.