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RETIRED APPELLATE JUDGE JOINS JOLIET LAW FIRM

Kent Slater, retired Illinois Appellate Judge in the Third District, has joined the Joliet law firm of Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh, effective immediately. He will focus his areas of concentration on appellate practice, civil litigation and mediation.

Slater, a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS degree in agricultural science, served as an officer in the United States Army, stationed in Vietnam. He received his law degree from John Marshall Law School, where he served on the law review and graduated first in his class in 1975. He later received his Master of Law (LL.M.) degree from the University of Virginia in 2001.

From 1975 to 1988, Slater practiced law in Macomb, with the general practice law firm of Lucie, Heiser and Slater. Elected in 1984 to the House of Representatives, Slater served two terms in the Illinois General Assembly before being elected Circuit Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois.

In 1990, Slater was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court, Third District, a position he held for 16 years. Prior to his retirement from this post in 2006, he served for three years as the court's Presiding Officer.

Slater is a member of the Will County and McDonough County Bar Associations, the Illinois Judges' Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh has been serving clients with professional legal representation since 1899 in the Circuit Courts of Will, Cook, Grundy, Kankakee, DuPage and surrounding counties. Areas of concentration at the firm include personal

injury law, municipal representation, civil litigation, real estate law and estate planning.

The firm is located at 1415 Black Road in Joliet, and the web site is www.spesia-ayers.com.