

PRESS RELEASE

Robert Porter, J.D., to assume Public Guardian and Public Administrator of McLean County office.

The Office of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker has appointed Robert Porter, local attorney, to assume duties as the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of McLean County on December 1, 2021. Mr. Porter will succeed Daniel Deneen, who has served in the office since 2003.

The Public Guardian of McLean County Office is a position in which an individual serves as the legal representative for a person with a disability who does not have qualified and willing family or friends to assume the position as guardian. In addition, the Public Guardian assists in situations in which local hospitals and nursing homes require immediate assistance or upon requests of families if there is a dispute between family members or factions. The Public Administrator assumes similar duties for deceased persons, including assisting the McLean County Coroner.

Robert Porter is a Bloomington-Normal native and a graduate of University High School in 2005. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Political Science in 2009 with Summa Cum Laude honors and the University of Illinois College of Law in 2012 with Magna Cum Laude honors. He has been employed by Costigan and Wollrab, P.C. since 2012 then, becoming a partner in 2019. His concentrations of practice include civil litigation, municipal law, real estate, estate planning and administration, landlord/tenant, collections, and over the past five years guardianship matters.

After 18 years in the position, succeeding S.S. “Joe” Schneider in late 2002, Daniel Deneen believed it would be best to have a qualified person take over the important duties of

Public Guardian and Public Administrator. Over the past five years Daniel Deneen has worked closely with Robert Porter, utilizing him for overflow legal work and referring many families to him to file a guardianship petition if the best interest of the prospective ward possibly included the appointment of Daniel Deneen as Public Guardian.

Deputy Guardian Maureen Schiller will continue to assist Robert Porter, as will Daniel Deneen, as requested. Daniel Deneen is not retiring from the practice of law. Daniel Deneen and Maureen Schiller have passed the examination of the National Guardianship Association and are certified Guardians. Robert Porter must join them as a certified Guardian by June 1, 2022.