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THIRTEEN APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Chief Judge James K. Booras received official notice from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts that thirteen attorneys have timely filed their applications for the associate judge vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Judge Patrick N. Lawler.

The applicants are sole practitioners David A. DeRose of Lake Villa; Elizabeth M. Rochford of Lake Forest; and Scott P. Williams of Libertyville.

Others include Janelle K. Christensen of Lindenhurst, a Lake County assistant state's attorney; Joann M. Fratianni-Atsaves of Lake Forest, arbitrator and former commissioner of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission; David R. Ganfield of Lake Bluff, a partner in the firm of Ryan, Ryan & Landa; Deborah L. Goldberg of Highland Park, a partner in the firm of Goldberg & Kane; Christopher M. Kennedy of Libertyville, a partner in the firm of Kennedy, Pierson & Strachan, LLP; John F. Kezdy of Highland Park, a bureau chief in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General; Christopher B. Morozin of Libertyville, a partner in the firm of Soffiatti, Johnson, Teegen, Phillips, Morozin & Argueta, Ltd.; James K. Simonian of Libertyville, a partner in the law offices of Stephen Simonian; Perry S. Smith, Jr. of Libertyville, a partner in the firm of Wysocki & Smith; and Robert S. Wilson of Libertyville, an associate in the law offices of James M. Hoffman & Associates.

Public comment on the applicants is invited by letter on or before January 11, 2010 addressed to: Chief Judge James K. Booras, Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4359. After the review process is completed, the nominating committee consisting of Circuit Judges will select the names of two candidates to be placed on a ballot. Said ballots will be returned to and tallied by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield.

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