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SECOND ASSOCIATE JUDGE APPOINTED

“I am pleased to announce that the second Associate Judge vacancy will be filled by Paul B. Novak,” said Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz. Judge Ortiz received official word today from Michael Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts that Mr. Novak received the majority number of votes cast and is declared eligible for appointment to serve as an Associate Judge of Lake County. With Mr. Novak’s appointment, the 19th Judicial Circuit will have a full complement of Associate Judges.

“Mr. Novak’s knowledge of the law, sense of fairness, sound judgment, and commitment to justice are outstanding attributes that have been observed throughout his almost twenty years as an attorney by the judiciary and other members of the legal profession,” said Judge Ortiz. “He will be an excellent addition to the Lake County bench and we look forward to having him join the 19th Circuit in the very near future.” Mr. Novak recently received the rating of “highly recommended” by members of the Lake County Bar Association.

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1996, Paul began his legal career as a staff attorney in Chicago in the Office of the Chief Judge of Cook County. Thereafter he was hired as a Lake County assistant state’s attorney serving in the Criminal Division. Mr. Novak has been in private practice concentrated primarily in the practice of family law and juvenile abuse and neglect matters.

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Paul received his undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from John Marshall Law School in 1996. He is a member of the Lake County Bar Association. Mr. Novak will fill the vacancy created by the Illinois Supreme Court appointment of Christen L. Bishop as Circuit Judge.

Mr. Novak and his wife, Joelle, have two children.

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