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SENIOR LAW DAY

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz of the 19th Judicial Circuit announced today that all Lake County senior citizens are invited to attend *Senior Law Day, "What Seniors Need to Know About Court,"* an educational forum to be held at the Park City Branch Court, on Friday, October 14, 2016, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Convenient parking is available and light refreshments will be served. Participants are encouraged to register by emailing Diane Flory at dflory@lakecountyil.gov, or calling 847-377-3818.

The program will include a discussion by Lake County judges about Probate Court, elder law, and jury duty. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office and the Lake County Sheriff's Office will teach seniors how to avoid criminal scams and ruses. The Sheriff's office will also address the important issue of security whether it be in your home, on your computer or in the courthouse. The State's Attorney's Office's most popular employees, service dogs Hitch and Mitch, will make an appearance. The dogs' role in reducing the trauma of witnesses and crime victims related to the court experience will be explained.

Chief Judge Ortiz said, "The court has an obligation to help all of its citizens understand and feel comfortable with the court process. We believe that by meeting with seniors, answering their questions about topics of interest, and letting them know what to expect at court, that we can achieve that goal. We look forward to hosting Lake County's seniors on Senior Law Day 2016."

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