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## CHIEF JUDGE ATTENDS COURT TOWER SIGNING EVENT

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, Chief Judge Jorge L. Ortiz signed the last beam to be placed in the Lake County Courthouse expansion project. The project broke ground in 2016, and completion of the 8-story 200,000 square foot justice center is expected in the spring of 2018.

Chief Judge Ortiz said: "We look forward to serving the people of Lake County in the new tower." The new court facility is located at the corner of County and Washington Streets in Waukegan, and sits in between the Babcox Justice Center, which has three courtrooms, and the existing 25-courtroom main court complex. The 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit is the third largest court system in the state.

The County of Lake hosted the event at the construction site and judges and other officials attended and affixed their signatures and comments to the last beam.

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