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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HOLDS CEREMONIAL INDUCTION FOR THREE NEW ASSOCIATES JUDGES

“Today you are not only joining the judiciary, you are also joining a new family and you will be supported not only by all the judges, but also by the many outstanding employees of the 19th Judicial Circuit who help us carry out our mission of service to the people of Lake County. We must remember that mission each day and ensure that the people are treated with courtesy, dignity and respect, that they are heard according to law and that their matters are decided promptly. On behalf of the entire 19th Judicial Circuit, I am proud to welcome you to our family. We look forward to serving with you for many years to come,” stated Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena to the newest members of the Judiciary: Judge Jacquelyn D. Melius, Judge Stephen M. DeRue, and Judge Ari P. Fisz during the induction ceremony on Friday.

Judge Melius and Judge DeRue filled the vacancies that were the result of the retirements of Judge Nancy Schuster Waites and Judge Brian P. Hughes. Judge Fisz filled the vacancy that was the result of the appointment of Judge Joseph V. Salvi to Circuit from Associate Judge.

Judge Jacquelyn D. Melius received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Northwestern University in 1996. In 2000, she earned her Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School and was then admitted to practice law in Illinois. Judge Melius was most recently a partner at the firm of Dudley & Lake in Libertyville where she was engaged in civil and tort practice.

Judge Stephen M. DeRue attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1998 and his Juris Doctor in 2001, he was then admitted to practice law in Illinois. Judge DeRue was most recently the Chief of the Domestic Violence Division with the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office.

Judge Ari P. Fisz attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1995 and his Juris Doctor in 1998, he was then admitted to practice law in Illinois. Judge Fisz was most recently the Chief of the Felony Trial Division with the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office.

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