



## News Release

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### PROSECUTOR NAMED NEXT LAKE COUNTY ASSOCIATE JUDGE

Christen L. Bishop will become Lake County's newest associate judge, according to Chief Judge Fred Foreman. Judge Foreman received a call this afternoon from Michael Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announcing that Bishop had received the majority of votes of the circuit judges to serve as an associate judge. "I am very happy for Ms. Bishop and her family, and we look forward to her joining the bench in the very near future," said Foreman. Ms. Bishop's legal abilities, fair mindedness and years of practical courtroom exposure and experience will serve her well on the bench." Christen Bishop will fill the vacancy created by the Illinois Supreme Court appointment of George Bridges to circuit judge.

Having been admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1994, Christen began her legal career as a law clerk in the Law Offices of Michael W. Fleming. Shortly thereafter, in 1995, she was hired by State's Attorney Michael Waller as an assistant state's attorney. During her 17 years as an assistant state's attorney, she has tried several serious and complex cases before juries and judges. During the past eleven years as a division chief, she has served as a trial attorney, lecturer, supervisor of attorneys, investigators, counselors and support staff. As the attorney in charge of Special Prosecutions, she has reviewed numerous sensitive and complicated cases involving public officials, police officers and others. Recently, candidate Bishop received the rating of "highly recommended" by members of the Lake County Bar Association.

Ms. Bishop received her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1994. She is a member of the Lake County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations, Association of Women Attorneys, and the Jefferson Inn. She is also a member of several civic and community organizations.

Christen is married to attorney Gregory Nikitas, and they have two children.

Chief Judge Foreman will administer the oath of office to Christen Bishop at a public ceremony scheduled on Thursday, October 11, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom C-201 in the main courthouse.

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