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TWENTY THREE APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Chief Judge John Phillips received official word from Michael Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, that twenty-three attorneys have timely filed their applications for the existing associate judge vacancy in Lake County. This vacancy is due to the retirement of Associate Judge Joseph R. Waldeck.

In the next few weeks, those applicants, who are applying for the first time and who have not been previously interviewed, will be interviewed by the Circuit Judges and they will also be evaluated by members of the Lake County Bar Association's Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. The Bar Association will also conduct a poll with their membership on all candidates' qualifications. The public will have the opportunity to comment by letter on the applicants. The letters should be addressed to the Office of the Chief Judge, Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4369 and will be accepted until July 28, 2014. After the review process is completed, the nominating committee of Circuit Judges will select the names of two candidates to be placed on a ballot. All Circuit Judges will receive individual ballots naming the two finalists and will submit their ballots to the Administrative Office in Springfield. The ballots will be tallied by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts who will advise Chief Judge Phillips of the name of the candidate who received the majority of the votes cast.

The applicants are sole practitioners Nandia P. Black of Kildeer; Rhonda K. Bruno of Mundelein; Michael J. Conway of Lake Villa; David A. DeRose of Lake Villa; Christopher M. Kennedy of Libertyville; Jerald Novak of Long Grove; Paul B. Novak of Gurnee; and Ross J. Peters of Deerfield.

Other applicants include Hugo M. Chaviano of North Barrington, partner in the firm of Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman, LLP; Walter Diambri of Libertyville, partner in the firm of Diambri & Vicari, P.C.; Joann M. Fratianni-Atsaves of Lake Forest, arbitrator and former commissioner of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission; Laura D. Horner of Lindenhurst, partner in the firm of Fox, Lunardi, Zeit & Polenzani; Pamela J. Kuzniar of

Deerfield, partner in the firm of Kuzniar & Simons, P.C.; Carlton R. Marcyan of Lake Forest, partner in the firm of Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck, LLP; L. Steven Platt of Buffalo Grove, partner in the firm of Clark Hill, PLC; Stacey L. Seneczko of Libertyville, partner in the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP; Alan J. Spellberg of Highland Park, supervisor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and Miles J. Zaremski of Highland Park, partner in the Zaremski Law Group. Five Lake County assistant state's attorneys also applied; namely, Janelle K. Christensen of Lindenhurst; Irene H. Curran of Libertyville; Stephen M. DeRue of Antioch; Ari P. Fisz of Deerfield; and Daniel L. Jasica of Lake Forest.

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