



## News Release

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### CHIEF JUDGE ELECTED

Circuit Judge James K. Booras was unanimously elected today as the Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The Circuit Judges met this morning to decide who would fill the unexpired term of former chief judge Dave Hall whose term ends November 30, 2008. "I thank my fellow judges for giving me their confidence and support," said Booras, "and accept the responsibilities that have been bestowed upon me."

Born in Nestani-Tripolis, Greece on January 1, 1952, Booras came to the United States in 1970 after he had graduated high school in Greece. His parents and a sister and brother still live in Greece. In 1975 he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University and earned his Juris Doctor from Lewis University College of Law in 1979. After law school, Booras served as an Assistant State's Attorney under then State's Attorney Fred Foreman and the current State's Attorney Michael Waller.

"Dreams come true in America," were words spoken by Booras as he learned that he had been selected as an Associate Judge of the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit in 1991. The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Booras as Circuit Judge in August 2000. He was successfully elected Circuit Judge in the 2002 general election.

Judge Booras resides in the Gurnee community with his wife, Irene, and son, Dean.

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