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## CIRCUIT JUDGE MITCHELL L. HOFFMAN TO RETIRE

Circuit Judge Mitchell L. Hoffman will retire, effective September 30, 2022. "After beginning my legal career in Chicago, I came up to Lake County in 1988. I'm proud to have been part of such an active, engaged, and evolving legal community over the past 34 years. While I'll miss working with the many fine attorneys and judges in Lake County, I plan to stay an active member of the community," said Judge Hoffman.

Judge Hoffman received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado College in 1981 and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1984; he was then admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois.

Judge Hoffman began his career in private practice with Albert Brooks Friedman, Ltd. of Chicago before joining the Civil Division of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office in 1988, under then-State's Attorney Fred Foreman. He served first as an Assistant State's Attorney and later as the Chief Deputy State's Attorney for the Civil Division. In April of 2001 Hoffman was appointed as Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. In 2014 Judge Hoffman was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to the position of Circuit Judge to fill then retiring Circuit Judge Fred Foreman's position. He then ran to retain his position in the March 2016 primary and the November 2016 general election.

Judge Hoffman notably fulfilled roles in traffic court, DUI, Misdemeanor, Civil, and Chancery. He has been assigned to a Law Division call since 2016, and in 2018 he began serving as the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division. He served on the Illinois Supreme Court's COVID Taskforce and Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee, and was the Chairman of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Court Technology Committee.

Judge Hoffman proudly is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Lake County Bar Association, along with several civic organizations.

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