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### **MENAS NAMED ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes is delighted to announce that Deborah J. Menas has been elected by the Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and will become Lake County's newest Associate Judge. This opening was the result of the retirement of Associate Judge Theodore S. Potkonjak last October after 22 years of dedicated service to the people of Lake County.

"Ms. Menas brings a strong knowledge of the law, intellect, and professional demeanor that will make her an excellent addition to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. I congratulate her on her appointment and look forward to her joining us as an Associate Judge in Lake County," said Chief Judge Shanes.

Ms. Menas received her Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Chicago in 1990. She earned her Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University School of Law in 1994 and was admitted to practice law in Illinois that year. Ms. Menas is a member of the Jefferson Inn-American Inns of Court, the Lake County Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association of Lake County. She previously served as a Principal Assistant Public Defender with the Lake County Public Defender's Office, as a sole practitioner, as a Principal Assistant State's Attorney with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, and is currently an Illinois FOP Labor Council attorney.

"I am truly grateful and honored to receive this appointment and look forward to serving the people of Lake County. Thank you to the Circuit Judges for your mentorship and for providing me this incredible opportunity and to my family, friends, and colleagues who supported and guided me throughout my legal career," said Ms. Menas.

Chief Judge Shanes will administer the oath of office to Ms. Menas on Monday, March 3rd.

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