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19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HOSTS CEREMONIAL INDUCTION FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE RHONDA K. BRUNO

On Friday, July 2nd, 2020 Rhonda K. Bruno of Mundelein was inducted in as an Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, but due to COVID-19, her Ceremonial Induction had to be delayed. Today, Friday, October 9th, 2020, Bruno was formally inducted to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Associate Judge Reginald C. Mathews to the circuit court, which was effective March 2, 2020.

Chief Judge Diane E. Winter stated, "Randie, through your experiences with your family, community involvement, and legal career work in the State's Attorney's Offices in both Cook and Lake Counties and as a sole practitioner with an extensive understanding and practice in criminal and family law, the Circuit Judges have decided that you have the skill and knowledge to serve in this new role. Now a great responsibility is being given to you. The judiciary is entrusted with the essential role of preserving the rule of law while protecting public safety. You must be un-swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism in carrying out your duties. That is the honor of serving as a judge."

Ms. Bruno received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Indiana University in 1980. In 1985, she earned her Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law School. She was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985 and is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Lake County Bar Association. Ms. Bruno is a criminal and family law sole practitioner and previously served as an Assistant State's Attorney in both Cook and Lake Counties.

"There is no higher form of service than serving as a judge. As a judge I can help an entire community, ensuring their voices are heard, see that they are treated with dignity and respect, and ensure that justice is handed down promptly. The last few months have been extremely difficult and trying for everyone, if I have learned nothing else from this pandemic it is that we are all in this together and we must work collectively. We must reach out a hand, pat a shoulder, give to others, all while maintaining our composure. Judges have an awesome responsibility to the community and the people we serve, and I am deeply humbled to serve the people of Lake County," said Judge Bruno.

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