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RETIRED JUDGE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

As directed by the Illinois Supreme Court in Order M.R. 003033, determined for public necessity by the Supreme Court on March 14, 2022, retired Associate Judge Joseph R. Waldeck will be assigned to duty with the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit effective May 2, 2022, with the appointment terminating on December 4, 2022.

Judge Waldeck was admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois in 1979 after receiving a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and earning his Juris Doctor from Lewis University College of Law, now Northern Illinois University College of Law. After serving as a felony assistant in the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, Judge Waldeck entered private practice, eventually opening his own office, until he was appointed a Lake County Associate Judge on November 13, 1995.

While serving the people of Lake County, Judge Waldeck presided over calls in traffic, misdemeanor, bond court, domestic violence, family, and juvenile court. Judge Waldeck retired from the bench on July 3, 2014.

"I am honored that the Illinois Supreme Court considered and reappointed me to the bench as an Associate Judge with the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. I look forward to working alongside former and new judicial colleagues while serving the people of Lake County during my seven-month term," said Judge Waldeck.

After his judicial retirement, Judge Waldeck was named a Partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck and is currently Of Counsel at the Law Offices of Stephen M. Simonian. He is actively involved in his community, previously serving on the Gorton Community Center Board, currently fulfilling the roles of Chairman for the City of Lake Forest's Legal Committee, and volunteering as an event committee member for A Safe Place.

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