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JUDGE ELIZABETH ROCHFORD INSTALLED AS 3rd VICE PRESIDENT TO ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Lake County Associate Judge Elizabeth Rochford was installed as 3rd Vice President of the Illinois Judges Association during the annual meeting on June 3, 2022. The Illinois Judges Association, which represents 1,250 active and retired Illinois state court judges, was founded in 1972 to provide services, support, and education to its member judges and raise public understanding of the Illinois judicial system.

Judge Rochford has been a judge for 10 years and is also an active member and past president of the Lake County Bar Association. Judge Rochford took the leadership role in Access to Justice by establishing the first family law courtroom committed to serving self-represented litigants, the Guardianship Help Desk, and the “Page It Forward” initiative to advance literacy.

Judge Rochford has been recognized by legal and social groups for leadership, advancing diversity, access to justice, and as a Woman of Vision.

The Illinois Judges Association also installed other new officers for 2022-23 at the annual meeting: President, Justice Eileen O’Neill Burke, 1st Appellate District; 1st Vice President, Justice David Overstreet, II Supreme Court; 2nd Vice President, Judge Mary Colleen Roberts, Cook County; Secretary, Judge Patrice Ball Reed, Cook County and Treasurer, Judge Julie Katz, St. Clair County. For more information about the Illinois Judges Association, see www.ija.org.

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