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LEVITT RE-ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS CHIEF JUDGE

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have voted Judge Mark L. Levitt to a second term as Chief Judge; he will begin the term on January 2, 2023, and it will terminate on January 1, 2024.

"I was elected to the role of Chief Judge during a difficult and unprecedented time. As we continue to adapt and overcome to serve the public, I am grateful to the Circuit Judges for their continued support and confidence in my ability to help make Lake County's court system even more efficient and effective. The members of our judiciary and staff at the Nineteenth allow us to continue to meet the needs of those utilizing our Courts while maintaining the highest of standards." said Chief Judge Levitt.

Before his election to the bench, Levitt worked in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender where he served in the Office's Homicide Task Force. The Honorable Judge Levitt was then elected Circuit Judge for the Fourth Subcircuit of the 19th Judicial Circuit in the November 2010 general election. When he began his career on the bench, he was assigned to preside over the domestic violence courtroom, he then served as the criminal felony backup judge, and was appointed the Presiding Judge of the criminal misdemeanor and traffic division. As Deputy Chief Judge, Levitt was assigned to the felony division.

Judge Levitt earned his undergraduate and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1987 and 1990 respectively. Judge Levitt teaches in a variety of settings and was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as Vice-Chair of the Circuit Court Clerk Education Committee of the Illinois Judicial College. He is a member of the Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Lake County Bar Association. He is a member of the Deerfield Rotary, the Deerfield Lions, and a former member of the Deerfield Public School District 109 School Board. Judge Levitt volunteers for various charitable organizations and was a former league president of the Deerfield Youth Baseball Association.

The Chief Judge's re-election took place at a Circuit Judges Meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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