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## TWO FINALISTS NAMED FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE VACANCY

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have met and named the finalists for the associate judge vacancy. This vacancy is the result of the retirement of Associate Judge David P. Brodsky effective January 16, 2023. Chief Judge Mark L. Levitt has certified the names of Ruth H. Lofthouse of Highland Park and George T. Pappas of Lake Zurich to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield.

Both Lofthouse and Pappas are Assistant State’s Attorneys with the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office. Both candidates were evaluated by members of the Lake County Bar Association’s Judicial Selection and Retention Committee.

Ms. Lofthouse received her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Florida in 2001. In 2006, she earned her Juris Doctor from University of Illinois Chicago John Marshall Law School. She was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 2006 and is a member of the Lake County Bar Association and Jefferson Inn of Court. In 2016 she earned her Masters Degree in Business from DePaul Kellstadt School. Ms. Lofthouse previously was a partner at Grund & Leavitt, P.C. of Chicago and Highland Park and currently serves as a Principal State’s Attorney with the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office prosecuting criminal felony cases.

Mr. Pappas received his Bachelor of Arts in History from DePaul University in 1991. In 1994, he earned his Juris Doctor from Marquette University School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1994 and is a member of the Lake County Bar Association. Mr. Pappas has served as an Assistant State’s Attorney with the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office in the role of a criminal prosecutor since 1995.

The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts will prepare the ballots containing the finalists’ names and mail them to all Lake County Circuit Judges. Each Circuit Judge will cast a secret ballot and, after the votes have been tabulated in Springfield, Chief Judge Mark L. Levitt will be notified of the results.

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