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23 ASSOCIATE JUDGES REAPPOINTED IN LAKE COUNTY

Chief Judge Mark L. Levitt was notified by Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, that all 23 associate judges that filed requests for reappointment to their offices for a new four-year term have been retained. The new term of office for each reappointed associate judge will begin on July 1, 2023, and terminate on June 30, 2027. The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's two newest associate judges, Ruth H. Lofthouse, and James R.M. Newman, were not required to apply for retention, as they took their Oaths of Office on April 3, 2023.

Pursuant to the Illinois Constitution, associate judges serve a four-year term of office. The Illinois Constitution vests in the Illinois Supreme Court the authority to provide, by rule, for the associate judges' appointment process in Illinois. With the adoption of Supreme Court Rule 39 in 1971, the quadrennial reappointment election of associate judges is accomplished through casting ballots by circuit court judges eligible to vote. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts administers all associate judge elections on behalf of the Supreme Court. The 2023 quadrennial reappointment election is the thirteenth reappointment election since the 1970 amendment to the judicial article of the Illinois Constitution.

The following associate judges have been reappointed in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and will be administered their Oaths of Office on June 20th, 2023, at 8:30 am:

Luis A. Berrones

Michael B. Betar

Rhonda K. Bruno

Janelle K. Christensen

Raymond D. Collins

Patricia L. Cornell

Stephen M. DeRue

Ari P. Fisz

Bolling W. Haxall, III

Daniel L. Jasica

Charles D. Johnson

D. Christopher Lombardo

Jacquelyn D. Melius

Christopher B. Morozin

Paul B. Novak

Veronica M. O'Malley

George T. Pappas

Theodore S. Potkonjak

Helen S. Rozenberg

Stacey L. Seneczko

James K. Simonian

George D. Strickland

Donna-Jo R. Vorderstrasse

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