



**CIRCUIT COURT
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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The Chambers of
MICHAEL G. NERHEIM
Circuit Judge

October 10, 2025

Instructions for Application for Approval to Serve as an Evaluator 2025-2027 pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/604.10

These instructions and the attached Application are for use by qualified evaluators (pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/604.10) in connection with the Local Court Rule 4-3.08 regarding the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Evaluator 2025-2027 list. If you are interested in being added to the Evaluators' list, you must submit all of the documents below by November 14, 2025.

In order to be added to the Evaluator list please submit the following:

1. Evaluator Application
2. Current State of Illinois Professional License - State of Illinois as a social worker, marriage and family counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist and/or
3. Master's degree in a field of mental health and/or
 - Proof of having five years of experience in the field of family counseling and/or
 - Proof of having training and two years of experience in performing allocation of parental responsibility evaluations or agree to participate in the Family Division "Education, Observation, and Supervision" (EOS) Mentoring program, which will include three sections, (1) Education (2) Observation and (3) Supervision pursuant to Local Court Rule 4-3.08 (4)
4. Proof of current malpractice insurance

You are required by Local Court Rule 4-3.08 (G) (2) to accept two pro bono or reduced fee appointments annually to remain on the Evaluator list. Individuals interested in being approved as a member of the list should send a completed application form and all attachments required. Applications and the documentation listed above will only be accepted via email to FamilyJA@lakecountylil.gov in order to expedite the process. If you have any questions, call 847-377-3634 or email the address above.

For further information, please refer to the Local Court Rules of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit on the website [www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/](http://www.19thcircircuitcourt.state.il.us/) and 750 ILCS 5/604.10 for the most current requirements. Thank you for your continued interest in the 19th Judicial Circuit's Evaluators referral list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Nerheim".

Michael G. Nerheim
Presiding Judge Family Division