



## News Release

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### 39 APPLY FOR 2 ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITIONS

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz has received notification from Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, that thirty-nine attorneys have timely filed their applications for two Associate Judge vacancies in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. These vacancies are the result of the impending retirements of Associate Judge Nancy Schuster Waites, effective December 31, 2017, and Associate Judge Brian P. Hughes, effective January 5, 2018.

In the coming weeks, the applicants will be interviewed by the Circuit Judges and evaluated by members of the Lake County Bar Association's Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. The Bar Association will also conduct a poll with their membership on all candidates' qualifications.

The public will have the opportunity to comment in writing, which should be addressed to: The Office of the Chief Judge, Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4359. These letters will be accepted until January 11, 2018. After the review process is complete, the nominating committee of Circuit Judges will select the names of 2 finalists for each vacancy to be placed on the ballots. All Circuit Judges will receive individual ballots naming the finalists, which they will submit to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield. The Chief Judge is advised by the Administrative Office, after tallying is complete, as to which candidates received the majority.

The applicants are sole practitioners: Robert D. Ackley of Round Lake, David J. Axelrod of Highland Park, Nandia P. Black of Kildeer, Thomas A. Briscoe of Waukegan, Rhonda K. Bruno of Mundelein, Julie L. Campbell of Highland Park, Michael J. Conway of Lake Villa, Roderick A. Drobinski of Wauconda, Christopher M. Kennedy of Libertyville, Gretchen A. Neddenriep of Gurnee, Jerald Novak of Long Grove, Donald L. Shaner of Hawthorne Woods, Daniel J. Sugrue of Green Oaks, and Charvis R. Walker of Antioch.

Other applicants include: Jeffrey A. Berman of Buffalo Grove, counsel at Anderson and Wanca; James C. Bertucci of Libertyville, partner at Bertucci & Bertucci; Patricia L. Cornell of Waukegan, partner at Cornell Anderson LLC; Stephen M. DeRue of Antioch, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Ari P. Fisz of Deerfield, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Joanne M. Fratianni-Atsaves of Lake Forest, Chair of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission; Keith A. Hanson of Barrington, managing partner at Hanson Law Group; Bolling W. Haxall, III of Barrington, Assistant United States Attorney; Markham M. Jeep of Wadsworth, sole shareholder at Markham M. Jeep & Associates, P.C.; Bryan J. Kirsch of Highland Park, partner at Radogno, Cameli & Hoag; Ryan P. Koehl of Waukegan, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Pamela J. Kuzniar of Deerfield, partner at Kuzniar & Simons PC; Kenneth W. LaRue of Waukegan, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Carlton R. Marcyan of Lake Forest, partner at Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck LLP; Reginald C. Mathews of Lindenhurst, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Jacquelyn D. Melius of Libertyville, partner at Dudley & Lake; Daniel Naranjo of Barrington, Assistant Cook County Public Defender; James R.M. Newman of Lake Villa, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Danielle M. Pascucci of Long Grove, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Michael J. Perillo of Grayslake, partner at Noonan, Perillo & Thut; Stuart N. Rappaport of Grayslake, partner at Lindsay, Pickett, Rappaport & Postel LLC; Joel R. Skinner of Vernon Hills, Hearing Officer at the Chicago Housing Authority; Scott A. Turk of Vernon Hills, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney, Donald R. Tyer of Long Grove, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Michael A. Weiman of Riverwoods, principal at Weiman Silberman LLC.

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