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DIANE WINTER NAMED CIRCUIT JUDGE

"I am very happy to announce today that the Illinois Supreme Court has appointed Associate Judge Diane E. Winter as Circuit Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit," said Chief Judge James Booras. "Diane Winter is an excellent choice – experienced, conscientious, and highly respected." Winter will fill the position now held by Circuit Judge Jane D. Waller, who will retire from her post as Circuit Judge effective November 30, 2008.

The Supreme Court Order, filed October 16, 2008, reads, "Effective December 1, 2008, and terminating December 6, 2010, the Honorable Diane E. Winter, Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, is appointed Circuit Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, at Large, to the position currently held by the Honorable Jane D. Waller, who is retiring from judicial office on November 30, 2008." Judge Winter will have to be nominated in the February 2010 primary and elected in the November 2010 general election to maintain the Circuit Judge position.

Appointed Associate Judge in July 2000, Judge Winter was assigned to branch courts in Lakehurst and Grayslake to handle a high volume caseload of traffic and ordinance violation cases. In 2002, she was assigned to the main courthouse as a back-up judge to hear domestic violence cases and misdemeanor and DUI cases. A judge in the family division since June 2004, she has heard contested divorce hearings, child custody cases, support matters, divorce prove-ups and orders of protection.

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981, Winter began her legal career as an associate with the firm of Kolb & Grotto, Ltd. in Glen Ellyn. In 1990 she joined her attorney husband Bryan Winter at the same law firm, Fuqua, Winter & Stiles, Ltd., where she worked in the general practice of law until her appointment as Associate Judge in 2000.

Just into her second year on the bench, Judge Winter was selected as President of the Lake County Bar Association for a one year term. She had previously served the Bar as second vice president and as treasurer. Judge Winter was selected as President of the Jefferson Inn for 2005-2006. She is a current member of the Illinois State Bar, Lake County Bar, and Illinois Judges Association, Association of Women Attorneys, and the Jefferson Inn.

Judge Winter has served on the Board of Directors for Northpointe Resources, Inc. since 1998. The organization serves the needs of mentally and physically disabled adults.

In 1978 Judge Winter received a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Northern Illinois University School of Law in 1981.

Judge Winter and her husband have one son and reside in the Gurnee community.

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