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20 APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Chief Judge Diane E. Winter has received notification from Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, that twenty attorneys have timely filed their applications for the Associate Judge vacancy in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. This vacancy is the result of the appointment of Associate Judge Reginald C. Mathews to the circuit court, effective March 2, 2020.

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 of its 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 April 22, 2020. After the review process is completed, the nominating committee of circuit judges will select the names of 2 candidates to be placed on a ballot. All circuit judges will receive individual ballots naming the finalists and they will submit their ballots to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield. The ballots will be tallied by the Administrative Office and Chief Judge Winter will receive the name of the candidate who received the majority of votes cast.

The sole practitioner applicants are: Robert O. Ackley of Round Lake, Paul J. Augustyn of Lake Barrington, Rhonda K. Bruno of Mundelein, Shyama Parikh Chauhan of Lake Forest, Michael J. Conway of Lake Villa, Matthew J. DeMartini of Antioch, John L. Joanem of Waukegan, Gretchen A. Neddenriep of Gurnee, and Martin N. Walker of Zion.

Other applicants include: Kevin J. Berrill of Lake Forest, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; James C. Bertucci of Libertyville, partner at Bertucci & Bertucci; Roderick A. Drobinski of Wauconda, McHenry County State's Attorney's Office; Lisa L. Dunn of Deerfield, partner at Massucci, Blomquist, Anderson & Dunn; Lauren Kalcheim Rothenberg of Deerfield, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Kenneth W. LaRue of Waukegan, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Craig M. Mandell of Highland Park, partner at Berger Schatz; Daniel Naranjo of Barrington, Assistant Cook County Public Defender; James R.M. Newman of Lake Villa, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney; Michael J. Perillo of Grayslake, partner at Noonan, Perillo & Thut; and Donald R. Tyer of Long Grove, Assistant Lake County State's Attorney.

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