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## **WINTER RE-ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS CHIEF JUDGE**

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have unanimously voted Judge Diane E. Winter to a second term as Chief Judge. She will begin her second term on January 5, 2021 and that will terminate on January 2, 2022.

"The first six months of my term have been very busy, as we have faced many challenges during these unprecedented times. We have adapted and continue to overcome the obstacles that the COVID-19 pandemic presented, including going completely virtual. I am proud of my fellow Judges, our staff at the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, and our justice partners for ensuring that cases continue to be heard, matters are decided, and justice is served. I am humbled and honored to have the support and confidence of my colleagues as they re-elect me to a second term as Chief Judge." said Chief Judge Winter.

The Honorable Judge Diane E. Winter received her Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Northern Illinois University School of Law. She was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981.

She was appointed Associate Judge in July 2000, and as a Circuit Judge for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit effective December 1, 2008 as a result of the retirement of Judge Jane D. Waller. In February of 2010, she was nominated in the primary and elected in the November of 2010 general election to maintain her Circuit Judge position.

Judge Winter has served as the presiding judge of the Misdemeanor and Traffic Division, the presiding judge of Criminal Misdemeanor and Traffic Division along with the Probate and Alternative Dispute Resolution Division, and the presiding judge of the Family Division. Judge Winter served as Deputy Chief from January of 2018 through December 2019 and began her first term as Chief Judge on January 2, 2020.

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