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## **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS ASSOCIATE JUDGE ARI P. FISZ AND MARGARET FONTANA TO THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Illinois Supreme Court recently announced the creation of the Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Violence. "The Supreme Court wants to know how our state courts can better serve the needs of survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking," Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis said. The Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Violence is tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on matters affecting domestic violence, human trafficking, and the court system, including reviewing, analyzing, and examining the impact of legislation and case law as it relates to these important societal issues.

The inaugural members of this Supreme Court Committee include leaders of anti-domestic violence groups and judges from across Illinois. Of the 16 Committee members, the Illinois Supreme Court selected two leaders from the Lake County judiciary: Judge Ari Fisz and Adult Probation Director Margaret Fontana.

Prior to his appointment to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit as an Associate Judge in 2018, Judge Fisz served as an assistant State's Attorney and division chief for 16 years. During his time on the bench, Judge Fisz has presided in both the Criminal and Family Divisions of the circuit court and currently serves in the Family Division.

Margaret Fontana currently serves as the Director of the Lake County Adult Probation Division. Ms. Fontana has served in and been promoted to many roles within Adult Probation since starting with the Division in 1986. She has earned many professional certifications relating to probation practices and training and has received multiple awards and recognitions during her career. Her vast experience, knowledge, and professional relationships with judges, staff, justice, and community partners in Lake County and across Illinois will allow her to be an excellent contributor to the Committee on Domestic Violence.

"Lake County's courts have been a leader in Illinois for many years. That the Supreme Court tapped both Judge Fisz and Ms. Fontana to serve on this important committee is a testament to our history of meeting the evolving needs of our communities in delivering justice," said Chief Judge Mark L. Levitt.

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