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BOORAS RE-ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS CHIEF JUDGE

Circuit Judge James K. Booras will serve a second term as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Although the election was only one item of several on the agenda, it didn't take long for the other eleven sitting Circuit Judges to decide that Booras be re-elected as Chief Judge. The unanimous vote to re-elect Booras took place at the judges' semiannual meeting held last Tuesday evening, June 30, in Lake County.

"I am very happy to serve as Chief Judge for another year, and I am grateful for the vote of confidence of the other Circuit Judges," commented Booras. "I am proud to have the opportunity to work with one of the hardest working judiciaries and most progressive court system in the state."

In August 2000, Judge Booras was appointed as Circuit Judge by the Illinois Supreme Court. He was elected Circuit Judge in the 2002 general election and ran successfully for retention with a favorable vote of 79% in 2008.

Born in Nestani-Tripolis, Greece on January 1, 1952, Judge Booras came to the United States in 1970. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975 from Northern Illinois University and earned his Juris Doctor from Lewis University College of Law in 1979.

Judge Booras is the recipient of several awards including the "Judicial Excellence Award" in 2008 from the Hellenic Bar Association; the "Distinguished Service Award" from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 2005; and the "Ben Ori Award" in 2002 by the Lake County Bar Association.

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