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### FINALISTS NAMED FOR LAKE COUNTY ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have met and have named the finalists for the associate judge vacancy created by the Illinois Supreme Court appointment of Christopher R. Stride to Circuit Judge.

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz has certified the names of Janelle K. Christensen of Lindenhurst and Paul B. Novak of Gurnee to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield.

Janelle Christensen is a Lake County Assistant State's Attorney in the Civil Division and Paul Novak is a sole practitioner. Both candidates were evaluated and found to be highly recommended by members of the Lake County Bar Association's Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. In a recent poll of the entire Lake County Bar Association, they were also very highly rated by those members who responded to the survey.

The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts will prepare the ballots containing the finalists' names and mail them to all Lake County Circuit Judges. Each Circuit Judge will cast a secret ballot and, after the votes have been tabulated in Springfield, Judge Ortiz will be notified of the results.

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