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NEW ASSOCIATE JUDGE APPOINTED

"It is my pleasure to announce that Janelle K. Christensen is the next Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit," said Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz. Michael Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts notified Judge Ortiz early today that Ms. Christensen received the majority number of votes cast and is declared eligible for appointment to serve as one of Lake County's twenty four associate judges. "Legal ability and scholarship, organizational skills and professional temperament are just a few of the outstanding qualities Ms. Christensen has demonstrated throughout her distinguished career in private practice and as an assistant state's attorney which will serve her well as a judge," commented Judge Ortiz. "We are extremely proud of Janelle and we look forward to having her serve alongside us for many years." Janelle will fill the vacancy created by the Illinois Supreme Court appointment of Christopher Stride to Circuit Judge.

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1994, Janelle began her legal career in Chicago as an associate with the firm of McKenna, Storer, Rowe, White & Farrug and practiced law in civil litigation. In 1996 she joined the firm of Tressler LLP as an associate and became a partner in 2004. She has been with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office since 2006, where she is currently assigned as an assistant state's attorney engaged in the practice of law involving state and local government matters for Lake County in the Civil Division. Recently, she received the rating of "highly recommended" by members of the Lake County Bar Association.

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Janelle received her undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado, where she graduated with distinction, and earned her Juris Doctor, with honors, from the University of Miami Law School (Miami, FL) in 1993. She is a member of the Lake County Bar Association, Association of Women Attorneys of Lake County, and the Jefferson Inn of Courts.

Ms. Christensen is married to attorney John Christensen, and they have two children.

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