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LAKE COUNTY CHIEF JUDGE HONORED

The Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement Association (HISLEA) recognized Jorge L. Ortiz at the organization's 30th Anniversary Awards and Scholarship Banquet held recently. Judge Ortiz was the recipient of HISLEA's President's Award in appreciation of his leadership and dedication and his consistent commitment to improve the quality of life for the residents of the communities he serves as well as for the citizens of the State of Illinois. The banquet was held Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont.

In August, Chief Judge Ortiz was one of three recipients who received a "Judicial Icon" award from the Illinois Judges Foundation (IJF). The other two very distinguished honorees included The Honorable Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke and retired Illinois Appellate Court Justice Gino L. DiVito. Special memorial recognition was presented posthumously to Honorable Justice Laura C. Liu, IJF President 2013-2014.

Current IJF President Judge Jeanne Reynolds presented the Judicial Icon award to Judge Ortiz on behalf of the Foundation. Judge Ortiz's leadership, dedication to service and his commitment to the rule of law are just a few reasons for his selection.

Appointed as the first Hispanic judge in Lake County as an associate judge in 2002, Judge Ortiz was appointed circuit judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2008. He was successfully

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elected circuit judge of the sixth subcircuit in 2010. In June 2015, Judge Ortiz received the unanimous vote of the circuit judges to serve as Chief Judge from January 4, 2016 to January 1, 2017, and, in June 2016, he was re-elected to another term as Chief Judge to serve from January 2, 2017 to January 1, 2018.

About 150 Illinois Judges Foundation members and guests attended the event at The Chicago Bar Association headquarters in Chicago.

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