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## TWENTY-EIGHT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz received notification from Michael Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, that twenty-eight attorneys have timely filed their applications for the associate judge vacancy created by the resignation of Associate Judge Sarah P. Lessman, effective September 30, 2016.

In the coming weeks, the applicants will be interviewed by the Circuit Judges and they will also be evaluated by members of the Lake County Bar Association’s Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. The Bar Association will also conduct a poll with their membership on all candidates’ qualifications. The public will have the opportunity to comment by letter which should be addressed to the Office of the Chief Judge, Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4359. These letters will be accepted until October 21, 2016. After the review process is completed, the nominating committee of circuit judges will select the names of two candidates to be placed on a ballot. All circuit judges will receive individual ballots naming the two finalists and will submit their ballots to the Administrative Office in Springfield. The ballots will be tallied by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and Chief Judge Ortiz will receive notice of the name of the candidate who received the majority of the votes cast.

The applicants are sole practitioners Robert O. Ackley of Round Lake; Paul J. Augustyn of Inverness; Nandia P. Black of Kildeer; Thomas A. Briscoe of Waukegan; Rhonda K. Bruno

of Mundelein; Michael J. Conway of Lake Villa; Diane B. Gordon of Buffalo Grove; Jacqueline A. Alicia Hughes of Tower Lakes; Christopher M. Kennedy of Libertyville; David M. Spada of Wauconda; and David S. Weinstein of Gurnee.

Other applicants include Jeffrey A. Berman of Buffalo Grove, counsel in the firm of Anderson & Wanca; Stephen M. DeRue of Antioch, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney and Chief of the Domestic Violence Division; Ari P. Fisz of Deerfield, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney and Chief of the Felony Division; Kenneth D. Flaxman of Deerfield, partner in the Law Offices of Edward T. Joyce & Associates, PC; Deborah L. Goldberg of Highland Park, partner in the firm of Goldberg & Kane; Bolling W. Haxall III of Barrington, Assistant U.S. Attorney; Markham M. Jeep of Wadsworth, sole shareholder of Markham M. Jeep & Associates; Ryan P. Koehl of Waukegan, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney; Pamela J. Kuzniar of Deerfield, partner in the firm of Kuzniar & Simons P.C.; Carlton R. Marcyan of Lake Forest, partner in the firm of Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck LLP; Reginald C. Mathews of Lindenhurst, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney and Chief of Gang/Narcotics Prosecutions Division; Jacquelyn D. Melius of Libertyville, partner in the firm of Dudley & Lake; Daniel Naranjo of Barrington, Cook County Assistant Public Defender; James R. M. Newman of Lake Villa, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney; Danielle M. Pascucci of Long Grove, Lake County Assistant State's Attorney; and Stacey L. Seneczko of Libertyville, partner in the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP; and Joel R. Skinner, a hearing officer for the Chicago Housing Authority and for the Illinois Tollway.

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