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CHIEF JUDGE ORTIZ RECEIVES AWARD

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz was recognized by the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) at its annual scholarship gala event held this past Friday. Judge Ortiz was the recipient of the award in appreciation of his leadership in and commitment to “protecting the rule of law” and “maintaining public trust and confidence in the justice system.” Oscar Gonzalez, President of the Bar Association presented Judge Ortiz with the award.

Judge Ortiz was appointed as a Lake County circuit judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2008 and was successfully elected as circuit judge of the sixth subcircuit in 2010. He will serve a second one year term as Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit from January 2, 2017 to January 1, 2018.

The Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois is a not-for-profit entity that was established in 1994 to address issues affecting Latino lawyers and the Latino community. Each fall, the Bar Association awards scholarships to qualified law students who have completed at least one year of law school. In awarding scholarships, the PRBA takes into consideration financial need, academic achievement, and involvement in the Latino community and institutions of higher learning. This year scholarships were presented to three second year law students.

The gala occasion was held at the Segundo Ruiz Belviz Culteral Center in Chicago.

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