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## LAKE COUNTY ASSOCIATE JUDGE NAMED

It was Chief Judge Victoria A. Rossetti who helped make a wish come true today for judge finalist James K. Simonian of Libertyville. Judge Rossetti received a call from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts advising her that the ballots had been counted and that Simonian had been elected the next associate judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. He will fill the vacancy created by the Illinois Supreme Court appointment of Daniel Shanes to circuit judge.

James Simonian was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1989. That same year he joined the Lake County State's Attorney's Office where he started as an intern and eventually earned the title of chief of the felony drug unit. In 2001 and until the present time he has been a partner with his brother Stephen in the Law Offices of Stephen Simonian. As a private attorney he has tried numerous cases, predominantly criminal, and he is also engaged in the general practice of law.

Locally, he attended Waukegan East High School. After graduation he attended DePauw University in Greencastle, IN where he obtained his undergraduate degree. He earned his Juris Doctor in 1989 from Indiana University.

Chief Judge Rossetti will administer the oath of office to James Simonian before the end of the year. A public ceremony will be held in January.

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