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JUDGE DANIEL B. SHANES ELECTED 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S NEXT CHIEF JUDGE

"I take great pride in announcing the unanimous selection of my colleague Judge Daniel B. Shanes to serve as Chief Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit when my term expires in January," said current Chief Judge Mark L. Levitt. Judge Shanes will serve as Chief Judge for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2024. "Over the years, Judge Shanes has been called upon by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a leader in various capacities in recognition of his unsurpassed legal ability and widely recognized skill as a judicial educator. Judge Shanes will make an outstanding Chief Judge for the people of Lake County."

"I am honored to serve our court as Chief Judge and humbled by the support of our judges," Shanes said. "Our circuit court is a leader across Illinois and nationally in many ways, and our strength is our people. In addition to the judges and lawyers, it is our probation officers, court reporters, interpreters, and so many other dedicated court professionals committed to delivering justice in our community who make a difference in the lives of people across Lake County and beyond."

Shanes was first selected to serve as an Associate Judge in 2007. In 2010, the Illinois Supreme Court unanimously appointed Judge Shanes to serve as a Circuit Judge; in 2012 and again in 2018, the voters elected him to serve additional terms. Since joining the bench, Judge Shanes has consistently received the highest ratings from the Lake County Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association.

In addition to his responsibilities on the bench, Judge Shanes has been honored to serve by appointment of the Illinois Supreme Court as Chair of the Illinois Judicial College Board of Trustees, Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions for Criminal Cases, a member of the Illinois Judicial Conference, and as a certified new judge mentor, among various assignments. In addition, as a member of the faculty of the National Judicial College, Judge Shanes provides judicial education to judges across the United States and as far away as South Korea. Judge Shanes has published dozens of legal articles, several cited by the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court, and legal treatises. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Judges Association and Lake County Bar Association, as well as a local homeless shelter and transitional living facility for women and children.

A life-long resident of Lake County, Judge Shanes earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and his Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law, where he served on the *DePaul Law Review*. He and his wife are the proud parents of four adult children and one daughter-in-law.

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