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LAKE COUNTY JUDGE RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD

Lake County Circuit Judge Jorge Ortiz was the keynote speaker at the 55th Annual Conference of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Illinois held recently in Waukegan.

“LULAC is the nation’s oldest and largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization,” according to Ortiz. “This organization has been involved in and responsible for landmark cases that have successfully challenged segregation in public schools and discrimination in the selection of jurors,” he added.

During the event, Judge Ortiz was presented with the League’s Community Service Award. “I am humbled and honored to be recognized by LULAC,” said Judge Ortiz. “This is an outstanding organization that has worked for many years toward the full and fair integration of Latinos in all aspects of American society.”

Ortiz served as an associate judge from 2002 until his appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court to the circuit bench in 2008. He was successfully elected to the circuit judge position in the November 2010 general election. Judge Ortiz is currently assigned to the Law Division presiding over jury trials and bench matters involving personal injury cases, medical malpractice suits, and arbitration matters, etc. Prior to this assignment, he served as Presiding Judge of the Family Division.

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