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SUPERVISING JUDGE OF FAMILY DIVISION NAMED

Under the local rules of the 19th Judicial Circuit, the Chief Judge shall assign duties and responsibilities, as he deems appropriate, to circuit and associate judges. This includes naming presiding and supervising judges of the four Court Divisions; namely, the Law Division, the Family Division, the Juvenile Division, and the Criminal Division.

According to Chief Judge Fred Foreman, Associate Judge Donna-Jo Vorderstrasse will take on the responsibility of serving as Supervising Judge of the Family Division, who will assist Jay Ukena, the current Presiding Judge of the Division. This new assignment shall take effect as of October 1, 2012. "There are a lot of changes going on in the Family Division, specifically implementing the new case management system, said Judge Ukena, and Judge Vorderstrasse has played a very important role in working with members of the Bar's Family Law Committee. As the new trial call system begins in late November 2012, she will continue to monitor the new process and help determine whether any changes or improvements will need to be made."

"I am honored to be chosen as Supervising Judge of the Family Division," said Judge Vorderstrasse. "This appointment demonstrates the faith and confidence Chief Judge Foreman and the other Circuit Judges have in me; and for that I am grateful. I will continue to dedicate all my efforts to improving the Family Division of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, which efforts will include a continued dialogue with the members of the Family Law Committee of the Lake County Bar Association regarding our new case management system."

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Since her appointment to the Lake County bench in 2009, Judge Vorderstrasse has been assigned to branch courts in Mundelein and Round Lake hearing traffic cases and as backup to domestic violence court that may have included matters involving abuse among or between family members, battery, disorderly conduct, or criminal damage to property. Judge Vorderstrasse has been in the Family Division since January 2011.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Vorderstrasse had been a practicing attorney for 25 years, including positions as a Lake County Assistant State's Attorney and a partner with the law firm of Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP.

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