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CIRCUIT JUDGE JORGE ORTIZ HONORED

Circuit Judge Jorge Ortiz was recently awarded the inaugural Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award by the Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association (IFSEA). He received the award on the merits of his work in improving child support enforcement court here in Lake County including establishing community collaborations, and improving current policies and practices that affect the lives of children and families.

IFSEA is a not-for-profit association of professionals dedicated to the improvement of family support enforcement in Illinois.

Judge Ortiz, who was Presiding Judge of the Family Division from 2008 to 2010, is recognized as an authority on child support issues and is a frequent author and lecturer on the topic. He has lectured on child support and other family law topics to numerous national organizations including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and several Bar Associations. He serves as a member on the National Judicial Child Support Enforcement Task Force and from 2008-2010 served on the Illinois Child Support Advisory Committee. Currently, Judge Ortiz is the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division and is the Committee Chair of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Court Technology Committee.

The award was presented to Judge Ortiz at the 26th annual conference of IFSEA held this month at the Chicago Hilton Indian Lakes Resort.

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