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ASSOCIATE JUDGE NAMED FOR LAKE COUNTY

Chief Judge Dave Hall received a call from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts before noon today informing him that Michael B. Betar had been selected as the next associate judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Betar will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Donald H. Geiger in December. "We look forward to Michael joining the bench in the very near future, said Hall." "He is knowledgeable, well qualified, and has a good temperament that make for an excellent judge."

Michael B. Betar was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1992. He practiced law in Chicago for five years before moving his practice to Lake County, opening his first office in Hainesville. From 1999-2005, he was an associate with the Grayslake firm of Churchill, Baumgartner & Quinn. He subsequently opened offices in Waukegan where he is a sole practitioner in the general practice of law.

He attended American University in Washington, D.C. from 1984-1986, and in 1988 he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois. He earned his Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University School of Law in 1992.

Most recently, Betar received the highest approval rating from the Lake County Bar Association Bar Poll.

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