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DANIEL P. GUERIN
Chief Judge

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**CHIEF JUDGE ANNOUNCES TEN FINALISTS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE
VACANCIES**

Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin is pleased to announce that, following a meeting of the Circuit Judges of the 18th Judicial Circuit, ten finalists for the Office of Associate Judge have been selected and certified to the Illinois Supreme Court. The finalists are seeking to fill the five (5) vacancies for the Office of Associate Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County, Illinois. These vacancies are the result of the resignation of Associate Judge Michael A. Wolfe, effective December 31, 2018; the election of Associate Judge Linda E. Davenport to the position of circuit judge effective December 3, 2018; the appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court of Associate Judge Ann Celine O'Hallaren Walsh to the position of circuit judge, effective February 4, 2019; the resignation of Associate Judge Richard D. Russo, effective December 31, 2018; and the resignation of Associate Judge Brian R. McKillip, effective January 24, 2019.

Susan L. Alvarado, J.D. - DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL 1997; admitted to the practice of law in Illinois, 1997. Ms. Alvarado is currently a solo practitioner for Alvarado & Associates in Oak Brook, IL (2003 – present). Previously, Ms. Alvarado was a Partner at Braselton, Alvarado & Millard, P.C. in Oak Brook, IL (2001-2003); an Associate at Kulerski & Braselton, P.C. in Oak Brook, IL (2001) and a Partner at Henderson & Alvarado, P.C. in Hinsdale, IL (1997 – 2001). Ms. Alvarado is an active member of the DuPage County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Academy for Certified Financial Litigators.

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John P. Kelly, J.D. – Loyola University, Chicago, IL (1979); admitted to the practice of law in Illinois in 1979. Mr. Kelly is a Partner in the law firm of Mountcastle, Kelly & Dyer in Wheaton, IL (1990-present). Prior to that, Mr. Kelly was an Associate with Mountcastle & DaRosa in Wheaton, IL (1986-1990 and 1979-1981) and an Associate with Frank Glazer, Ltd and Hynes & O’Rourke in Chicago, IL (1981-1986). Mr. Kelly is an active member of the DuPage County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

Ann M. Lampariello-Perez, J.D. - IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL (1990); admitted to the practice of law in Illinois in 1990. Ms. Lampariello-Perez is an Associate with the law firm of Rathje Woodward LLC, in Wheaton, IL (2008-present). Prior to that, Ms. Lampariello-Perez was an Assistant Village Attorney for the Village of Downers Grove, IL (2002-2008); an Associate with Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar, Acker & Kern in Elmhurst, IL (2001-2002) and an Assistant State’s Attorney with the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office in Wheaton, IL (1990-2001). Ms. Lampariello-Perez is an active member of the DuPage County

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