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SEVENTENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ALL FIFTEEN ASSOCIATE JUDGES RETAINED  
WITHIN THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT**

**ROCKFORD, IL** – Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty is pleased to announce that all fifteen Associate Judges within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court have been certified by the Illinois Supreme Court as officially retained pursuant to quadrennial election results.

The terms of all Illinois Associate Judges expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of every fourth year. Associate Judges are required to submit requests for reappointment by the Circuit Judges. An Associate Judge must receive at least a three-fifths vote of the Circuit Judges within their circuit in order to be retained to a new four-year term of office.

The following Associate Judges will continue to serve for a new four-year term of office beginning on July 1, 2019:

Hon. Stephen E. Balogh	Hon. Mary Linn Green	Hon. Debra D. Schafer
Hon. Ronald A. Barch	Hon. Donna R. Honzel	Hon. Donald P. Shriver
Hon. Joseph J. Bruce	Hon. Francis M. Martinez	Hon. Randy Wilt
Hon. Jennifer J. Clifford	Hon. Philip J. Nicolosi	Hon. K. Patrick Yarbrough
Hon. John T. Gibbons	Hon. Steven L. Nordquist	Hon. John H. Young

“We have an exceptional group of men and women serving as associate judges in our circuit,” Chief Judge Doherty said. “Individually, they are insightful and hard-working judges; as a group, they work together to ensure that the Circuit’s workload is handled efficiently. We are lucky to have them.”

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