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TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

The names of thirteen new associate judges, selected in a vote of Cook County Circuit Court judges, were announced today by Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

Ballots listing the names of 26 finalists, chosen from 283 candidates, were distributed to 249 circuit judges. Ballots were due April 15, 2016.

The Alliance of Bar Associations and the Chicago Bar Association evaluated the candidates. Each candidate was interviewed by a nine member nominating committee, comprised of Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans of the Cook County Circuit Court and eight presiding judges.

Judge Evans certified the 26 finalists to the Administrative Director on March 18, 2016.

In accordance with the 1970 Illinois Constitution, the Administrative Office conducted the election pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 which directs that twice as many candidates as vacancies be nominated. Supreme Court Rule 39 provides that the term for all associate judges expires on June 30, 2019. The thirteen judges appointed today, as well as those associate judges currently serving, must be reappointed July 1, 2019. Cook County seats 146 associate judges.

The following is a list of the newly selected Cook County associate judges. A brief biography of the thirteen associate judges named today is attached.

Sophia Jane Atcherson
George Louis Canellis, Jr.
Vincenzo Chimera
Jean Margaret Cocozza
Geraldine Ann D'Souza
Mohammed Mujahid Ghouse
Patrick Joseph Heneghan
Robert Wade Johnson
James Lewis Kaplan
Marc William Martin
Mary Catherine Marubio
Edward Nicolas Robles
Marita Clare Sullivan

BIOGRAPHIES

Atcherson, Sophia Jane: Resident: Chicago, Illinois. Age: 44. Admitted to the Bar: November 1997. College: Indiana University-Bloomington. Law School: Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Current Affiliation: Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, Legal Resources Division, 69 West Washington Street, 15th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Canellis, George Louis, Jr.: Resident: Orland Park, Illinois. Age: 46. Admitted to the Bar: May 9, 1996. College: Arizona State University; University of Chicago. Law School: The John Marshall Law School. Current Affiliation: Cook County State's Attorney's Office, 2650 South California, Room 14C10, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

Chimera, Vincenzo: Resident: Oak Lawn, Illinois. Age: 58. Admitted to the Bar: May 1, 1984. College: DePaul University. Law School: The John Marshall Law School. Current Affiliation: Illinois Attorney General's Office, 100 West Randolph Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601

Cocozza, Jean Margaret: Resident: Chicago, Illinois. Age: 52. Admitted to the Bar: November 7, 1989. College: Indiana University-Bloomington. Law School: Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Current Affiliation: Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, 50 West Washington Street, Room CL09, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

D'Souza, Geraldine Ann: Resident: Chicago, Illinois. Age: 49. Admitted to the Bar: November 4, 1992. College: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Law School: IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. Current Affiliation: Cook County State's Attorney's Office, 2650 South California, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

Ghouse, Mohammed Mujahid: Resident: Hinsdale, Illinois. Age: 42. Admitted to the Bar: November 5, 1998. College: Loyola University Chicago. Law School: DePaul University College of Law. Current Affiliation: Mohammed M. Ghouse P.C., D/B/A Ghouse Law Office, 7548 West 103rd Street, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455.

Heneghan, Patrick Joseph: Resident: Glenview, Illinois. Age: 59. Admitted to the Bar: November 1983. College: Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; DePaul University. Law School: Catholic University of America. Current Affiliation: Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP, 1 South Wacker, Suite 2800, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Johnson, Robert Wade: Resident: Chicago, Illinois. Age: 49. Admitted to the Bar: November 10, 1994. College: Wayne State College. Law School: University of Nebraska College of Law. Current Affiliation: Robert Johnson, P.C., 33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1950, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Kaplan, James Lewis: Resident: Glenview, Illinois. Age: 72. Admitted to the Bar: May 18, 1971. College: University of Wisconsin; Kendall College; University of Arizona. Law School: Chicago-Kent Law School, Chicago, Illinois. Current Affiliation: Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, 50 West Washington Street, Room CL24, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Martin, Marc William: Resident: Park Ridge, Illinois. Age: 55. Admitted to Bar: November 1987. College: University of Southern California; Loyola University Chicago. Law School: Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Current Affiliation: Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, 2121 Euclid, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008.

Marubio, Mary Catherine: Resident: Chicago, Illinois. Age: 46. Admitted to the Bar: May 8, 1997. College: American University; DePaul University. Law School: Dickinson Law School; DePaul University College of Law. Current Affiliation: Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, 100 West Randolph Street, #9-300, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Robles, Edward Nicolas: Resident: Oak Park, Illinois. Age: 56. Admitted to the Bar: November 10, 1988. College: Loyola University of Chicago. Law School: University of Wisconsin-Madison. Current Affiliation: Chicago Housing Authority, 60 East Van Buren Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

Sullivan, Marita Clare: Resident: Oak Park, Illinois. Age: 58. Admitted to the Bar: November 16, 1984. College: University of San Diego. Law School: Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Current Affiliation: Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, 130 East Randolph, #1500, Chicago, Illinois 60601.