Marcia M. Meis, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Joseph C. Pedersen as an associate judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Pedersen received his undergraduate degree in 1992 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois and his Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Pedersen is currently affiliated with the United States Attorney's Office NDIL in Rockford, Illinois.