

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DuPage County, Illinois**

505 N. County Farm Road
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STEPHEN J. CULLITON
Chief Judge



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**CHIEF JUDGE ANNOUNCES TWO FINALISTS FOR
ASSOCIATE JUDGE VACANCY**

Chief Circuit Judge Stephen J. Culliton is pleased to announce that, following a February 22, 2010 meeting of the Circuit Court Judges of the Eighteenth Circuit Court, two finalists for the Office of Associate Judge have been selected and certified to the Illinois Supreme Court. The finalists are seeking to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Associate Judge Daniel P. Guerin to Circuit Judge. From these names, the Circuit Judges will select the appointee by secret ballot.

Scott M. Hardek, J.D.-*The Law School at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (1990); Admitted into the practice of law in Illinois, November 1990. Mr. Hardek is currently a partner with the law firm of Dykema Gossett in Lisle, IL (1992-present) and was an associate with Clausen, Miller in Chicago, IL (1990-1992). Mr. Hardek is a Committee Chair for the DuPage County Bar Association.*

Michael A. Wolfe, J.D.-*The John Marshall School of Law, Chicago (1984); Admitted into the practice of law in Illinois, February 1985. Mr. Wolfe is currently the Chief of the Criminal Division of the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office ((1985-present) and was an associate with William J. Martin Ltd. in Oak Park, IL (1984-1985) and also with William Bedrava of Riverside, IL (1984-1985). Mr. Wolfe is the President of the Illinois Prosecutor's Bar Association (2007-present).*