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## **LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SAYS MARK LEVITT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO BE A JUDGE**

**DEERFIELD, IL** – May 12, 2010 – The Lake County Bar Association, in a thorough review by its Judicial Selection and Retention Committee, gave Mark Levitt a rating of “Highly Recommended” to be a judge, its highest rating. Levitt, of Deerfield, is the Democratic candidate for Lake County Circuit Court Judge in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 4<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit. He won the February primary election in a four-way race.

The review process included a detailed application, personal interview and interviews with colleagues, opposing counsel and judges before whom Levitt has appeared. One of those judges is Cook County Circuit Court Judge Vincent Gaughan. “Mark is an outstanding lawyer,” says Judge Gaughan. “He has high integrity and professionalism. His word is his bond.” Judge Gaughan, who presided over the Brown’s Chicken trial, for which Levitt was lead defense counsel, says that Levitt is very trustworthy – and worthy to serve as a judge. “He’s straightforward and aboveboard in everything he does,” Judge Gaughan asserts. “Mark is very intelligent and operates at a very high level.”

Levitt says that he wants to be a judge because he has seen the impact that judges can have on the lives of those who appear in court. “I am honored that the people with whom I have worked believe that I am well qualified to be a judge,” says Levitt. “I am also extremely honored to receive the Lake County Bar Association’s highest rating.”

**More information about Levitt is available at [www.LevittForJudge.com](http://www.LevittForJudge.com).**

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***About the 4th Subcircuit:*** On July 30, 2009, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn approved a bill that created the 4th Subcircuit of the 19th Judicial Circuit. Circuit Judges, who serve six-year terms, are licensed attorneys and officials of the State of Illinois, and are responsible for appointing 24 Associate Judges. Lake County’s 4th Judicial Subcircuit includes Bannockburn, Deerfield, Green Oaks, Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, part of Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Mettawa and Riverwoods.

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